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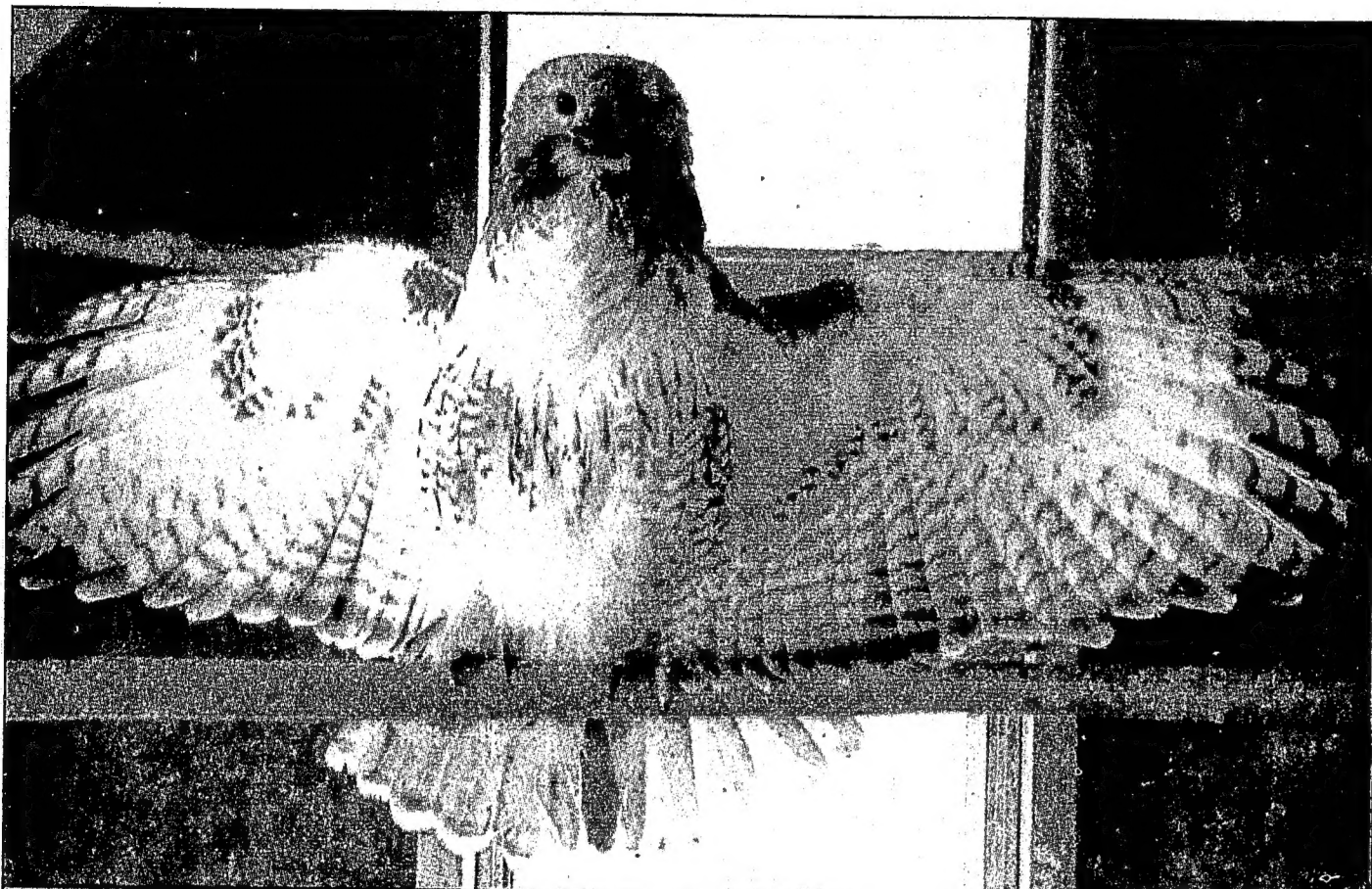
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Hungry (and thin) hawk in the henhouse



After a hawk attacked one of her chickens Sunday, Amber Head of North Newry went to the chicken coop to check out the situation. "I opened my chicken coop door and closed it very fast, letting out a scream," she said. We opened the door once again to find a red-tailed hawk, perched where my chickens should have been. The chickens were hiding and the hawk was not giving up his place. I called my father (Randy Brooke) to help me out. We distracted the bird and my father picked the bird up and brought it outside. We took what was left of one of my hens and left it in the field for the hawk to finish its meal. We lost two chickens in this ordeal. The hawk looks thin, perhaps starving." The hawk was able to fly away, however. Wildlife biologist Scott Lindsay of Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife said red-tailed hawks "are not quite agile enough to catch wild birds, but will try to kill chickens."

Amber Head

Biomass boiler at Telstar complex one step closer

By Amy Chapman

Construction of a wood pellet boiler plant at Telstar High School would result in a 90 percent reduction in the facility's annual heating oil usage, SAD 44 directors learned Monday.

Given the lower cost of biomass fuel relative to oil, energy savings within the first 12 years are expected to pay for the entire cost of the project.

The board voted 13-2 to accept the unanimous recommendation of the Facilities Committee to enter into a project development agreement with Honeywell Corporation for an engineering study of proposed energy upgrades to district facilities. Improvements include

construction of the new boiler plant at Telstar, as well as lighting and building envelope upgrades at Crescent Park School.

The agreement marks the second phase of the project, which began with an energy audit that Honeywell conducted at no charge to the district in order to assess the potential costs and benefits of the upgrades.

The project engineering costs will be approximately \$50,000, Supt. Dave Murphy said. If the board decides to proceed with construction, those costs will be included in the overall price tag of the project, which Bob Marcotte, a project en-

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School Board open to \$180,000 to keep AES open

By Amy Chapman

At their meeting Monday, SAD 44 directors indicated their willingness to accept a proposed payment of \$180,000 from the town of Andover, in addition to the town's regular school district assessment, to keep the Andover Elementary School operating for the 2014-15 school year.

Discussion centered on an article slated to appear on the warrant for the Andover Town Meeting on March 15. As written, the article asks residents to approve the expenditure of \$180,000, an amount recommended by the board of selectmen, to keep the school open for the next school year.

Last year, Andover resi-

dents raised \$140,000, in addition to the town's regular school assessment of \$492,000, to prevent closure of the school.

At the Feb. 10 school board meeting, SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy had said that he hoped Andover residents would decide to make an offer to the School Board prior to the board voting on closure of AES. Voting to close the building, he said, would immediately start the process of paperwork that must be filed with the state, making it more difficult to rescind the decision if Andover voted to raise the additional money.

Murphy said Andover Selectman Keith Farrington had sent him a copy of the

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Winter taxes road budgets

By Allison Aloisio

Area road crews may be getting a bit of a respite this week from plowing and salting, but their towns' winter road maintenance budgets aren't.

With more than three weeks still to go until the calendar says "spring," Greenwood, for instance, has used 443 tons of salt. That compares to 158 tons for all of last year, according to Town Manager Kim Sparks.

The salt/sand expenditures for 2014 total \$45,547 so far, compared to \$29,587 last year.

Sparks said the budget is tight, and selectmen could consider moving

some funds from the summer roads maintenance account to make up any overage, if needed.

The road crew, understandably, has racked up plenty of overtime.

"It's been a while since we've had a winter like this," said Greenwood Road Foreman Alan Seames.

He said his crew has been working pretty much seven days a week for the past eight weeks. "It seems like it snows every Friday, so you have to work the weekend," he said.

During weekday storms, said Seames, "the worst

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Falmouth woman faces multiple felony charges in area car break-ins

By Allison Aloisio

A Falmouth woman is expected to be charged with multiple car break-ins in the Bethel area and elsewhere, according to Oxford County Sheriff's Department Deputy Peter Casey.

Holly L. Doherty, 47, was detained last Friday in South Paris by State Trooper Ron Turnick after he spotted her driving her maroon Tahoe on Route 26 near Market Square, Casey said Saturday.

She was taken to Ste-

phens Memorial Hospital for a medical evaluation, according to Casey.

The property in the vehicle helped investigators from all over Maine in solving dozens of property crimes not only in Oxford County but also several cities in the southern half of the state, according to a subsequent OCSD press release. Casey, who interviewed Doherty, said she is expected to be charged with multiple felony property crimes for car or residence break-

ins and thefts in Newry, Bethel, Woodstock, Freeport, Yarmouth, Westbrook and Portland. The thefts began in early February, he said.

Four cars parked in the Southridge parking lot at Sunday River Resort had their windows smashed and items taken Thursday.

Casey said he referred to the suspect as the 'ski burglar' because so many of the thefts involved ski equipment. But he said the thefts were not limited to ski gear. Also taken

were such items as clocks and home decorations. A stolen credit card was used at a store in Woodstock, Casey said. There were also car break-ins in Bethel business parking lots, including at Pat's Pizza, the Sunday River Brewing Co. and the Black Diamond Steakhouse, he said.

He said a search warrant was executed between Friday night and

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Creating brighter futures: Cathy Newell's 35 years in Adult Education

By Amy Chapman

Anyone who has returned to school as an adult learner in SAD 44 in the past 35 years—whether the goal was to complete a high school diploma, pursue a college degree, or take classes for enrichment—has Cathy Newell to thank for helping to make those local adult education opportunities available.

Newell, of Greenwood, became director of SAD 44's adult education program in 1979 and served in that role for 23 years. Earlier this month, she retired as executive director of the Maine Adult Education Association, a position she has held since 2001.

In January, she was honored by the Maine Legislature for her 35 years of service in adult education.

"Cathy Newell is a Maine treasure," said Rep. Peggy Rotundo, D-Lewiston, speaking from the floor of the House of Representatives on that occasion. "She has been a tireless advocate for adult education and as such has created programs and helped secure funding which have enriched the lives of thousands of adults in the state as well as their families."

Newell graduated from Vassar College with a degree in Art History and received her M.A.T. from the University of Maine. She met her husband, Charlie, while both were student teaching at Rockland District High School.

After their marriage, Newell taught Art History for several years at Gould Academy, then stayed at home to raise their two

children throughout most of the 1970s.

SAD 44 had had a small adult education program since about 1970, but it began to grow rapidly in the mid-70s, during Ken Smith's tenure as superintendent. A part-time director position was created in 1976, and Newell took the reins from her predecessor, Marie Wilson, three years later.

Community and collaboration Newell's philosophy about education targeted for adult learners is based on an all-encompassing ap-

Becky Shaw Ski Day returns to Mt. Abram Thursday, March 6 Jewel and Donnie at 3 p.m. proceeds to Paraoptometric Education

proach, reaching throughout the community and beyond.

"My vision for a local program was always about how adult education could help individuals in meeting their goals for personal skill development, academic attainment, and employability," Newell said.

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Seeing how the opportunity to further their education has helped adult learners to expand their horizons has been very rewarding. "Certainly employability [is a key goal], but I always regarded adult education as a vehicle for much more."

"An important element was how the local program could collaborate with other organizations where there was overlapping mission: the Chamber of Commerce and other economic development initiatives, as well as state agencies with local offices such as the Career Centers and DHHS."

Over the years, Newell said, there have also been partnerships with "unique entities such as NTL, with the Community Conferences that led to the launch of other groups such as Friends of the Androscoggin, Mahoosuc Land Trust, Mahoosuc Arts, and housing initiatives. In some cases, Adult Education provided a structure and home base until a local group could get on its feet."

Newell pointed to a number of mutually beneficial regional collaborations as well: "Family Literacy Even Start grants with Region 9 and SAD 17 adult ed programs; Federal Workplace Literacy grants with the same partners and many local employers in the 1990s. And Oxford County law enforcement and social service agencies, with the county conferences on Civil Rights and also on Poverty in the 1990s."

She believes that school facilities exist to benefit all members of the community, and should be widely used. "That use can work to build support for education at all levels," Newell said, citing the example of Western Mountains Senior College, which offers non-credit courses and special learning opportunities for adults over the age of 50, and has become a vital part of the Telstar program.

Newell said the local adult education program has been "fortunate to receive strong support from the SAD 44 school board and



Cathy Newell

Submitted photo

administrators over the years. She is also grateful for support from the wider community, citing "the willingness of so many individuals, both from within the district and from the community, to share their knowledge and skills through the program."

Adapting to meet changing needs

"With adult education, you never know what the changing demands will be. That's part of what makes it fun," Newell said.

"When I first started, the biggest unmet need was for college classes."

Before the advent of the Internet and on-line classes, "long commutes to college campuses made it very difficult for adults in the SAD 44 area, many of whom were working and raising families, to return to school."

"In 1983, ITV (interactive television) was the big game-changer. Although you couldn't usually finish a degree through ITV classes, you could take core college courses and electives and cut down on the number of trips you had to make," Newell said. "The ITV sites

that were really successful were the ones that had an adult ed program as the agent."

Now, through the University College program, adult learners seeking college credits can choose from a wide array of offerings from the University of Maine and Central Maine Community College, available on line, via ITV, or at the Telstar campus.

Another change was the rate at which adult learners needed to complete their diplomas or degrees. In the early days of Adult Education in SAD 44, Newell said many clients were people who already had jobs. "They didn't need a high school diploma for work, but they wanted to complete high school for their own personal satisfaction."

"They were able to go at their own pace," she said, "often taking one or two courses at a time over several years."

That changed in the 1990s, when the economy of western Maine shifted away from traditional manufacturing industries.

"The closing of area mills drove people to adult ed to get the high school diplomas they needed for new career opportunities," Newell said. "When people lose their jobs and want to take advantage of federal or state aid for education, they are not given the luxury of time. They had to move through the program quickly."

The SAD 44 Adult Education staff worked closely with the Maine Dept. of Labor's Career Center in Rumford to match educational offerings to the skills employers were seeking.

"There were a lot of initiatives at the state level, through the Departments of Labor, Education, and Economic and Community Development, as well as the Department of Health and Human Services" aimed at serving Maine's many dislocated manufacturing workers, Newell said.

Looking back at some of the other ways in which the local adult education program has adapted to meet changing needs, Newell remembered one of SAD 44's first experiences with teaching English as a Second Language.

"In the early 1980s, Bob and Jane Grover [Bethel residents who had spent time doing missionary work in Laos] helped to bring a Laotian family to the United States," she said. Before settling in the Portland area, the family spent a year or so in Bethel to be close to their sponsors while adjusting to their new life.

"The parents were in adult ed classes, and there was a teenage boy, the father's younger brother, who was enrolled at Telstar," Newell said. The family mem-



Cathy Newell with her granddaughter, Emma.

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bers had all arrived knowing very little English, but were able to learn it through programs in the local school district.

Since that time, she said she has seen the demand for classes in English as a Second Language, once confined mainly to urban centers like Portland and Lewiston, spread to Adult Education programs in outlying areas around those cities and even to those in rural areas, as migrant workers and recent immigrants have increased the diversity of Maine's population.

Maine Adult Education Association

Newell understood the importance of the local program's role as part of a statewide system, and she was active in the Maine Adult Education Association (MAEA) throughout her years with SAD 44. She served at different times as its president and secretary, and as a member of the organization's conference and legislative committees.

Adult education programs around the state pay annual dues to MAEA, which employs an executive director, a lobbyist, and a bookkeeper.

"Adult education is more than a collection of local programs—although that is the basis of much of Maine's success," she said. Collectively, supporters of adult education are better able to advocate for positive changes.

In 2001, Newell became MAEA's executive director, running the organization from her home office in Greenwood.

As director of MAEA, she worked together with Maine's college system and several foundations on the launch of Maine College Transitions, which provides adult learners with career and college planning, academic preparation, placement testing, and financial aid assistance.

In 2011, after the General Educational Development (GED) test, long the most widely-used assessment tool for the awarding of high school diplomas to adult learners, was privatized, costs skyrocketed and scheduling computerized exams became a challenge. Under Newell's leadership, MAEA explored competing assessment exams, and recently transitioned from the GED exam to the HiSET, offered by the nonprofit Educational Testing Service.

Newell also worked on implementing a highly successful web portal (www.maineadulted.org) to provide a robust web presence where visitors can find adult education programs near them, browse the offerings of programs across the state, and register and pay on line.

Her longtime colleague, Rob Wood, who recently retired as director of Portland Adult Education, said Newell epitomized effective leadership. "With a passion for adult learners she nurtured our disparate group of 100 programs into an educational system that is respected statewide."

Keeping busy in retirement

Now that she has retired, Newell said she looks forward to having more time to spend with her grandchildren. She and Charlie have two granddaughters who live in Bethel, and two grandsons in Pennsylvania. An ardent quilter, crafter, and baker, she enjoys passing those skills along to her grandchildren.

In 1994, the Newells purchased a historic 1840s Cape Cod on North Pond in Greenwood, which they have lovingly renovated and restored, while also researching the home's past. Long interested in local history, Newell said she plans to become more involved with the Bethel Historical Society, an organization in which she was very active prior to starting her career with Adult Education.

She is a regular at the Bethel Inn's pool and gym, and in the warmer months enjoys swimming and kayaking from her dock on North Pond.

With a lifelong passion for politics, Newell has been active in the Oxford County Democrats for more than four decades, serving as the organization's chair since 2001. As she packed up boxes of MAEA files from her home office to pass along to her successor, the space rapidly refilled with materials for the 2014 campaign season.

And because, as she says, "I still have a great passion for adult education," she will continue to keep up with current events and issues that affect adult learners.

Looking back over her long career, Newell says the biggest reward for investing her energy in adult education is knowing what a positive difference it has made in people's lives.

"The best part is meeting up with so many people in the Bethel Foodliner and having them let me know how they, or members of their family, are doing as a direct result of a class or other contact with our program."

As Rep. Rotundo said in her speech honoring Newell, "We will miss Cathy very much in the State House, but her important work, her great work, will live on in the adults in Maine for whom she has opened doors and helped create a brighter future."

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Volunteers were hard at work organizing books and other materials at the Bethel Library, following a two-week renovation project that included new lighting, painting, carpeting and shelving.

Woodstock selectmen presented the Boston Post Cane to Edith Hathaway, the town's oldest resident.

Deaths: Jon B. Grenbanier, Wilfred E. Curtis, Ethelyn S. Thurston.

20 years ago: Two hundred skiers participated in the annual "Joy of Skiing" celebration sponsored by the Maine Lung Association and the Sunday River Inn & Cross Country Ski Center.

CPS third grader: John Reuter placed third in the Class V, 2-kilometer cross country ski race held at Troll Valley Cross Country Ski Center, Farmington.

Deaths: Velma M. Keene, Ferroll P. Witter, Philip G. Lewis, Daniel C. Hinkley, Ruby May Mott, Elizabeth C. Ross.

30 years ago: Mrs. Connie Hindman was one of five winners of the 1984 Jefferson Awards. She was honored for exceptional public service in her voluntary work for the blind.

Dr. Dan Mingle was appointed fulltime temporary physician at the Bethel Area Health Center.

Deaths: W. Scott Emmons, Carl Richardson.

40 years ago: A SAD 44 bus with 15 pupils aboard left the road and crashed into a tree in the Richardson Hollow section of Greenwood. Driver Burton Hathaway and a few students received minor injuries.

Building alterations, including the removal of two large windows, renovation of the front entrance and some interior redecorating, was in progress at Clukey's Pharmacy.

Birth: Jody Brooks.

Death: Elmer Wesley Whitman.

50 years ago: Members of the Cotillion Club were practicing their dances and planned to hold an exhibition dance in April for the parents.

Eric Paul was a patient at CMG Hospital after suffering a broken leg while skiing at Sunday River.

Births: Peter Todd Michaud, Daniel Joseph Richard, Allan Thomas Korhonen.

Deaths: Euberto Parker Brown, Herbert H. Morton, Jr., Florus H. Poland, Mrs. Marion Littlehale.

60 years ago: The citizens of Woodstock voted in favor on and industrial arts course for the high school.

Eight members of the Bethel Methodist Youth Fellowship attended the State Youth Fellowship Conference at Hallowell. They were accompanied by Mrs. Donald Christie.

Birth: Danny Charles Wheeler.

Death: Arthur Clayton Gibbs.

70 years ago: It was voted at annual town meeting to discontinue the Northwest Bethel School.

Edmund Smith was named outstanding farmer at Farm Home Week, Orono.

Deaths: Mrs. Belle P. Hutchinson, George K. Hastings, Perley B. Bennett.

80 years ago: About 75 attended Newry town meeting. This was noted as the largest attendance in the history of the town.

Deaths: Irving L. Joslin, George H. Bennett, Herbert F. Andrews.

90 years ago: The high school at Canton was destroyed by fire. The loss was estimated at \$25,000.

A steam heating plant was installed in the Congregational Manse, Bethel.

Arthur Herrick attended the auto show in Portland, going in his snow boat.

100 years ago: Appropriations at the annual town meeting were \$16,498.50.

Newry's town meeting was postponed one week on account of a two days heavy rain which prevented any travel on the road.

Gould Academy students presented "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard" at Odeon Hall.

Deaths: Charles Stanley, Casper L. Capen, Mrs. Hiram F. Abbott.

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One of several cars broken into at Sunday River Resort last week.

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Surveillance image from the Bethel Circle K station on Route 2.

Saturday morning at Doherty's Falmouth home, where thousands of dollars' worth of property was recovered. "She admitted to investigators that she didn't need any of the property," said Casey. "I would call her a prolific thief. She really lacked a fear of consequences." He attributed her actions to a "compulsive motivation and influence."

He said that a credit card stolen in one of the Bethel car break-ins was used at the Circle K store/gas station in Bethel. Surveillance video from that business showed Doherty entering the store and aided in her eventual detention by Turnick, who Casey said spent hours viewing video and searching for Doherty's vehicle. During the traffic stop

Turnick was able to establish facts that would later prove she was the person he had been searching for, according to the press release. The video matched some of the apparel that the suspect was wearing at the time of the stop, down to the type and style of corrective lenses she was wearing, the release said. Casey said a tool made to help people escape from damaged vehicles was used in the vehicle break-ins. The tool includes a seat belt cutter and a mechanism to break windows.

Doherty also allegedly broke into residences in southern Maine, again breaking windows but doing no other damage, Casey said.

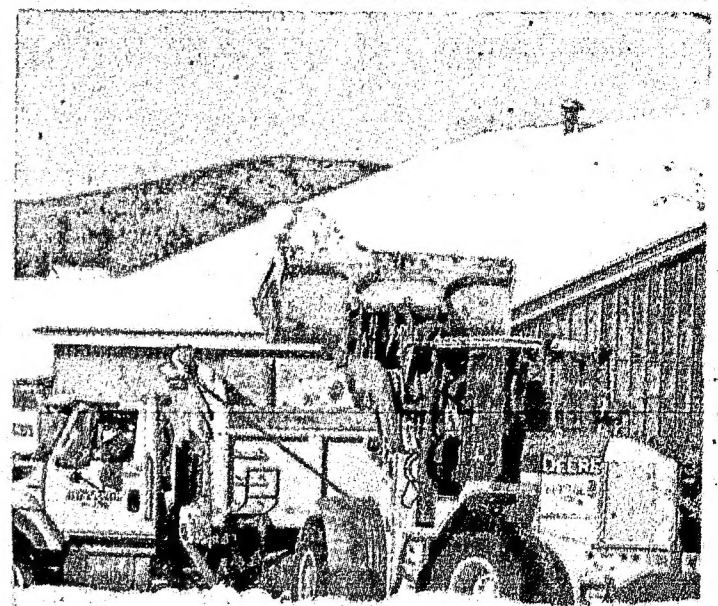
He said nearly all of the equipment should be able to be returned to owners. "Some has already been returned," he said.

Multiple felony charges will be presented to an Oxford County Grand Jury, Casey said.

Also participating in the investigation were Cpl. George Cayer, Cpl. Justin Brown, Deputy Sullivan Rizzo, Deputy Andy Whitney and Sgt. Matt Baker of the OCSO, and Troopers Ron Turnick, Jason Wing and Dan Hanson and Sgt. Kyle Tilsley of the Maine State Police.

WINTER

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The Bethel road crew worked to remove snow from village streets last week. Here, a bucket loader and dump truck collect snow on Mechanic Street.

A. Aloisio

thing about it is you're home at 10 (p.m.) and out at 3, because you want to make sure people can get to work and then home again at the end of the day."

The ice storms in early January were the most difficult to deal with, he said, but the more recent cold temperatures have also required a lot of salt on the roads.

It's a similar story in Woodstock, where salt use comparisons are harder because the town operates on a calendar fiscal year. Salt usage typically runs about 90 tons a year, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said, but as of the end of 2013 it was 250 tons. December alone accounted for a significant amount of salt usage, he said. There has been a lot of overtime for the road crew too.

He said some adjustment

to the 2014 budget, which selectmen are currently working on, may need to be made.

But the road crew's work has been appreciated by residents, Maxfield told selectmen at their last meeting. "I have actually had phone calls from people happy with the roads this winter - five or six people called," he said.

In Bethel, 415 tons of salt (\$23,438) have been dumped on the roads so far this winter, compared to about 260 (\$15,284) last winter, according to town records.

Next up is mud season, which Seames suspects may be worse than usual, thanks to the extra snow and what he believes is a deeper frost line this winter. He's already preparing cold patch for the roads.

"I expect the frost heaves to be worse," he said.

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article the selectmen plan to put on the warrant. Voters at the Town Meeting would have the opportunity to approve the amount, or to amend the article to raise a lesser amount, but would not be able to increase it.

Marcel Polak of Woodstock said he would favor accepting an additional payment of \$180,000 to keep the school open, but would not support accepting a lower amount.

"I would also advocate that we consider, strongly, allocating some of that money to specific educational programs that would benefit everybody, including Andover," Polak said. In the past, he said, the additional payment from Andover has been viewed as revenue and used to offset some of the tax burden to district residents.

As for what would happen to the money should Andover withdraw from SAD 44, Murphy said that although the vote on the additional payment will be taken prior to a possible vote on withdrawal later in the spring, if Andover does vote to withdraw and is able to do so before the start of the 2014-15 school year, the district would not receive the additional payment.

Polak said he thought it was important for the

board to send a message to Andover voters that they would accept the \$180,000 payment, but not a lower amount.

"I think that, given the atmosphere that's been created, there are likely going to be people at the Town Meeting who are going to want to amend the article downward," he said. "Hopefully, the message gets out there that we're going to be firm on the \$180,000, and not negotiate."

Murphy said that prior to last year's Andover Town Meeting, there was no discussion between the board and the town about the amount that would be required to keep the school open. That led to Andover residents raising \$68,000 at their annual Town Meeting, an amount that was then rejected by the board.

Andover then held a special town meeting in April to raise an additional \$72,000, bringing the total to \$140,000. In contrast, Murphy said, "this approach allows you to have the conversation ahead of time, and send a message."

Polak asked for a straw vote to indicate whether board members would accept an additional payment of \$180,000 to keep the Andover Elementary School open next year. A majority of directors said they would.

BIOMASS

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ineer for Honeywell, told the board is estimated at \$969,225.

Marcotte gave a brief overview of the project. The pellet boiler proposed for Telstar will be connected directly to the building's existing boiler system and computerized Honeywell control system. A 32-ton wood pellet silo will provide fuel storage adjacent to the boiler.

At Crescent Park School, the project calls for lighting fixtures in classrooms, offices, hallways, stairways, and locker rooms, as well as exterior fixtures in the parking lot, to be retrofitted with energy efficient bulbs. Exterior doors will be weather-stripped and air leaks sealed.

In addition, de-stratification fans will be installed in the gym and two-story lobby to force warm air down to the floor level in winter, reducing heat loss and improving comfort, and locker room exhaust fans will be equipped with sensors to cycle them on and off during periods of no occupancy.

The agreement states

that, as long as the engineering study results in finalized costs and savings for the project that fall within 10 percent of Honeywell's original estimates, SAD 44 will either proceed with the construction phase of the project, or reimburse Honeywell for the cost of the engineering study.

Murphy said the project could be paid for over 12 years with the money currently budgeted for heating oil at Telstar. Alternatively, the board could choose to ask district voters to take part of the construction costs from the capital improvement account, which currently stands at about \$800,000.

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West Paris Town Meeting Briefly

By Leslie Dixon/Sun Media Wire

Voters at the annual West Paris Town Meeting March 1 will be asked to approve a budget of just under \$1.1 million for the 2014-15 fiscal year and choose a selectman and a water district trustee.

Action on the 41-article warrant gets underway at 10 a.m. at the Agnes Gray Elementary School on Main Street. Selectman Dennis Henderson and Water District Trustee Shane Poland are up for re-election.

Voters will be asked to approve a municipal budget of just under \$1.1 million, which is \$11,403 more than last year's budget, Town Manager John White said.

White said if all articles are approved, the tax rate would increase about \$1. The current rate is \$15.75 per thousand dollars of property value.

"Our tax rate has been

pretty stable over the last few years," White said.

The tax impact from the school budget will not be known until SAD 17 directors approve it in the spring.

White said the projected increase is not due to an increase in municipal spending but rather uncertainty about state revenue-sharing funds, which selectmen have projected at \$75,323.

The Maine House and Senate enacted a measure recently to restore \$40 million in revenue sharing to municipalities for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The bill now goes to Gov. Paul LePage, who has until Feb. 25 to decide whether to veto it or let it become law.

Selectmen are asking voters to increase the property tax levy limit of \$681,714, the amount established for the town by the state, to \$704,144 in case the approved budget results in

a tax commitment that is greater than the limit set. The increase is about \$38,000 more than last year.

In other action, voters will be asked to raise and appropriate \$84,292 for the Fire Department. Last year, voters approved \$70,142 but raised another \$13,000 after the budget was almost depleted by August.

The Board of Selectmen is also asking voters to raise and appropriate \$92,000 for solid waste disposal, recycling and transfer station operation; \$333,610 for the Highway Department; and \$45,000 for the Highway Department reserve account, which has \$88,616.

Voters will be asked to raise and appropriate \$75,000 for the Capital Equipment Reserve account, which has about \$33,700; \$30,490 for the West Paris Library; and \$27,180 for ambulance and rescue services.

Additional arrest in meth ring

GILEAD-Another person was arrested Tuesday night in connection with a methamphetamine manufacturing and trafficking operation in the Bethel area. Sarah L. Levesque (Mitchell), 38, of the North Road in Gilead was arrested by Maine Drug Enforcement Agent Tony Milligan, according to Matt Cashman of MDEA. She is charged with criminal conspiracy to traffic in methamphetamines, he said Wednesday. Earlier this month eight people were arrested for manufacturing/trafficking in meth. Levesque's role was to gather components, including pseudoephedrine, a common cold decongestant essential to the manufacturing process, Cashman said. "I expect additional arrests," he said. "This is a relatively large-scale operation, considering the area."

Crash sends two to SMH

WEST PARIS-Two Bethel residents were taken to a hospital for evaluation Sunday afternoon following a head-on vehicle collision on High Street. Two young adults traveling in this Volkswagen Jetta were transported to the hospital with minor injuries following a head-on collision with another vehicle Sunday afternoon. According to Oxford County Sheriff's Office Deputy Michael Dailey, the crash occurred at approximately 3:30 p.m. when a 2013 Volkswagen Jetta driven by Nicholas Seames, 28, of Bethel, headed south on High Street collided with a Dodge pickup truck operated by Winthrop Comley, 72, of West Paris, as it turned left onto Porter Road. Tri-Town Rescue, PACE Ambulance Services and the West Paris and Paris fire departments responded to the scene, Dailey said. Seames and his passenger, Chantel Tedford, 21, of Bethel, were transported to Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway for evaluation but did not appear to sustain serious injuries, Dailey said. Comley refused treatment at the scene, he said. No charges are expected in connection with the crash, Dailey said.

Local girl to sing in Lake Region contest

BRIDGTON-Lily Schofield, 9, of Woodstock is a semifinalist in the "Lake Region's Got Talent" contest Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Magic Lantern theater on Main Street in Bridgton, sponsored by the Lake Region Community Theatre. There will be voting by both judges and the audience, with winners to go on to the finals on March 9. Lily started a singing career at the Woodstock Elementary School Talent Show, where she has performed for four years. For video of her singing go to YouTube and type 'Lily pushes into the semifinals.' On Sunday she will sing a Kelly Pickler song. Tickets at the door are \$10 for ages 13 and up and \$5 for ages 6-12.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

In its March issue, "Maine," (the magazine) lists Bethel's Good Food Store as one of their top nine specialty markets in Maine. Writing in the feature section "A-List," Katy Kelleher says "Whether you're looking for someone to cater your wedding, or just a place to grab a hot cup of soup on the way to Sunday River, Good Food Store has it covered. Inside the picturesque white farmhouse is a food-lover's paradise, complete with prepared food, wine, beer, and organic produce." It's a fitting tribute since March is National Nutrition Month. However, Kelleher forgot to mention the world-famous 'Smokin' Good BBQ located next door in the orange camper.

Just a reminder that Cathi DiCocco is speaking on "Enjoy the Taste of Eating Right" next Thursday, March 6, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church. The program is sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Seniors College. Cathi will

give a cooking demonstration and there will be free samples and recipes. The program is free.

Someone asked me to repeat the tax information I provided a few weeks ago. The AARP provides help with tax preparation on Fridays and Saturdays at Norway Memorial Library. It's free but you must make an appointment. To make an appointment, call 333-6448.

Friday, March 7, is the World Day of Prayer. A church service will be held at the West Bethel Union Church at 2 p.m. The church is located on Route 2 in West Bethel. The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women from many cultures and traditions in more than 170 countries who organize a common day of prayer. Each year the materials for the service are prepared by women from a different country. Women from the World Day of Prayer Committee in Egypt prepared this year's service. In local communities, different churches host the service each year. This year the women of the West Bethel Church are organizing the service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you have news to

share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

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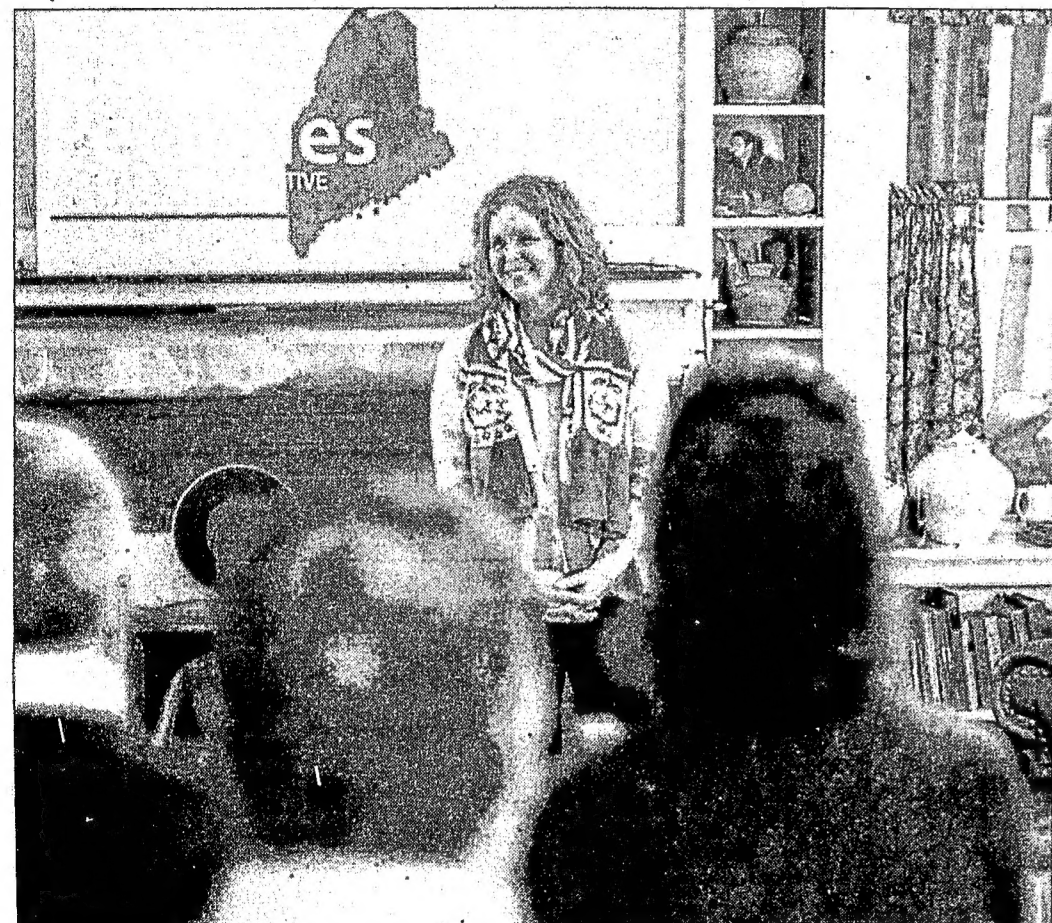
By CHERRI CROCKETT

Hello neighbors, I hope you all enjoyed the wonderfully warm temperatures this past weekend.

It was so nice to see the sun for two consecutive days and have temperatures above freezing. Being able to snowshoe in a sweatshirt and not all bundled up against frigid temperatures was delightful. Thanks again to Babe, Arlene, and the Hastings for allowing me to play on their property. The dogs, my friends and I really do appreciate your kindness.

Sunday afternoon, Gloria stopped by on her way home from visiting Jason, Andrea and Ryan in Old Orchard Beach for the weekend. She was very excited to share Ryan's love of basketball and how well he and his team did during their weekend tournaments. "He was all excited, you know, having Nana in the stands watching him play," Gloria smiled and laughed at the memory.

She also had some welcome news of the changing seasons. It seems while she was having breakfast with Ryan on Sunday morning about a



Callie Pecunies at the Mill Hill Inn.

Submitted photo

Pecunies launches campaign for Maine State Legislature

Callie Pecunies of Albany officially launched her campaign for Maine State Representative, District 117, on Monday at the Mill Hill Inn in Bethel, according to a press release. With 40 supporters present, Pecunies discussed her desire to be engaged in her community, involved in her district's future, and to act as a voice for others in Augusta.

While highlighting her reasons to run for State Rep in District 117, Pecunies, a real estate broker with Sunday River Real Estate, cited a health scare she encountered with her now five-year-old son. "No

one should ever be forced to make a decision about their child's health care for fear of the expense," she told the gathering that included State Sen. John Patrick (District 14), U.S. Senate candidate Shenna Bellows, and Oxford County Treasurer Roy Gedat.

"Callie is the perfect candidate for this election cycle. Her knowledge of tourism and of small business, and her commitment to healthcare and education, are great fits," Cathy Newell, Oxford County Democratic Party Chair, said. "Callie's tremendous organization and leadership ability will make her a force to be reckoned with

in Augusta."

Pecunies is a real estate broker with Sunday River Real Estate in Newry. She and her husband are also sole proprietors of Mahosuc Productions, a full-service video production company. A former Human Resources Manager and Recruiter for Sunday River in Newry, Callie volunteers with several community ventures, including the Crescent Park Elementary School PTA, Mahosuc Kids Association, Mahosuc Pathways Initiative, and Bethel Food Pantry.

She lives in Albany Township with her husband and two sons.



The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard

What do Barbie and Christy Brinkley have in common? The answer is they are both well over 50 (Barbie is 55 and Christy is 60) and they are both in the current edition of Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue. In fact, Barbie graces the cover.

I just don't know how to feel about that. It's fine for Christy Brinkley, who at the age of 60 has a body that women of any age would envy. But with Barbie there is something about it that just seems wrong.

Maybe it's because I think of the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue as being exclusively male fantasy material and I can't wrap my head around the idea of men having day dreams over a toy I played with as a child.

Maybe my weird feeling is the fact that Barbie is a toy that I played with as a child. I'm sure there were times when I was a little girl that I imagined Barbie as being real; I think that's pretty normal. But I also imagined that the Easter bunny and the tooth fairy were real. I even imagined that I would grow up to become a beautiful and famous movie star.

What I never imagined was Barbie as a sexual being. When I was at the age

of playing with Barbie I didn't even have a clue what a sexual being was.

Mattel, the company that makes Barbie, has faced some criticism over the years for making her figure something that is unobtainable for the little girls who play with her. As an adult woman I can see that point, but as a little girl I didn't give Barbie's figure a whole lot of consideration. I was much more concerned

Any woman looking like her should feel very much like a living doll.

with putting her long hair into different styles and getting her shoes to stay on her severely arched feet.

Somewhere along the line Barbie went from toy to collectible and now sex symbol. Oh, she is still a toy, but I would imagine the Barbies bought as toys are on the lower price side. Some of the dolls put out as collectibles have a pretty high price tag.

I can't speak for all children, and I'm sure there

are those who take a lot better care of their toys than I ever did, but any Barbie that became mine ended up with her hair cut and/or colored and her cheeks, lips and nails painted with left over paint-by-numbers paints.

That certainly diminished any collectible value. It's a shame too because I'm pretty sure I had the original Barbie in a black and white striped swimsuit and now those are worth quite a bit of money in the collectible market. If I still had one in decent condition that little doll would have been on eBay a long time ago. I think the Barbie dolls that I had, in spite of their condition, ended up in church rummage sales.

But I digress; I was talking about Barbie being on the cover of the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue. I think it's a little stupid, but not necessarily harmful to little girls. I doubt that they will run out and buy the magazine.

I do wonder what Christy Brinkley thinks about being beat out by a piece of molded plastic for the cover slot of a national magazine. If I was her I wouldn't feel too badly about it because the way I see it, any woman looking like her should feel very much like a living doll.

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Feb. 18

At 9:40 a.m. a caller on the Intervale Road in Bethel reported harassment by an intoxicated subject. Deputy Richard Murray attempted to served the suspect with a harassment order.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

At 6:01 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a two-vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer. There were no injuries. Route 26 was shut down for a short time to remove the tractor trailer from a front lawn. The Fire Department assisted with traffic control.

At 7:01 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray issued a summons to a driver on the Walkers Mills Road for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

At 5:09 p.m. a Bethel business on the Mayville Road reported a gas driveoff. Deputy Dave Hodgson was investigating.

At 7:27 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey investigated and closed a motor vehicle burglary in a business parking lot on Mayville Road in Bethel.

At 8:51 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer and the Sheriff's office investigated multiple burglaries of vehicles parked at various locations in Bethel and Newry. Items targeted were purses and credit cards. Several other items were also stolen. A suspect has been located with charges pending.

At 9:36 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey investigated and closed a motor vehicle burglary that took place in the parking lot of a Sunday River Road business in Bethel.

Thursday, Feb. 20

At 2:14 p.m. Sunday River Resort security reported four vehicles broken into. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded.

At 4:33 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson arrested Trinity Wilson, 37, of Dixfield for theft at a Bethel business.

Friday, Feb. 21

At 11:20 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to the East Bethel Road for a property-damage accident.

At 5:19 p.m. a plow truck driver plowed in a car on Broadway Drive in Newry. The car owner was upset and approached the driver. Soon three brothers were arguing with the driver, and the driver was pushed. Deputy Willie Nelson charged one of the brothers with assault.

At 5:42 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to the Howe Hill Road in Greenwood for a report of a burglary. Thousands of dollars worth of ski equipment and personal items were reported missing.

At 8 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to the area of Mill Hill Road in Bethel for a report of loud noises. It was unknown what they were. There were plow trucks out and a short thunderstorm went through the area.

At 9:51 p.m. on Route 26 in Bryant Pond a vehicle struck a pot hole and two tires were flattened. Deputy Chris Davis had advised MDOT of several large pot holes in the area.

At 11:45 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to the West Bethel Road for a reported domestic disturbance. A male subject was later arrested for domestic assault.

Saturday, Feb. 22

While working a detail on the Sunday River Road Cpl. George Cayer stopped James Heath, 19, for no front plate. Marijuana and paraphernalia were seized and he was summonsed.

At 1:30 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a harassment complaint in Bethel. Both parties were warned not to contact each other.

At 1:34 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to the area of the Sunday River Road for a report of shots fired. The area was checked and it appeared no crime had been committed.

Sunday, Feb. 23

At 9:15 a.m. Deputy Peter Casey investigated a hit-and-run crash on Summer Street in Bethel. Criminal charges were pending.

At 9:52 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Greenwood for a report of harassment.

At 12:21 p.m. a report was received of a subject hitting a pole while riding a rented snowmobile. She was able to stand but had a hand and leg injury. Deputy Andy Whitney, a game warden and Bethel Fire and Rescue responded.

OCSD Jail Log

Feb. 22; 2:45 a.m.: Jacek E. Solarski, 31, of Bethel, DV assault; by Deputy Richard Murray in Bethel.

dozen robins were taking a rest in Jason's driveway and a little later they saw a blue bird and his mate. Apparently, Old Orchard Beach is normally about two weeks ahead of us when it comes to the spring thaw, so hopefully that is a sign of spring moving its way north.

I don't know about you all, but even as much as I enjoy the wonders of winter, it's nice to see the days getting longer, the sun climbing higher in the sky and the temperatures improving a bit.

At the beginning of the winter all of us snow-lovers do a

snow dance so we're able to get out and snowshoe, ski, snowmobile, sled, ice fish and build a few snowmen, well, what are the chances we can all start combining efforts to do a sun dance and get those temperatures to rise a bit.

I can see it now, all of East Bethel going out to check their mail and dancing across the road, maybe Eva decides to start a little jig as she heads out to check on the cows and Kimball and Quinn catch on and start shaking those little bottoms while waiting for Jason and Bekah to get them ready for the day.

I can even see Pat Kimball going out to shovel a bit of snow away from the house and making a dance of it.

Whichever way you decide to will spring this way, enjoy the moment, because as quickly as we're seeing this snowy February come to an end, the mud and rain will be here soon enough.

Like my great gram always said, "Don't wish your days

away. Tomorrow will be here before you know it and you'll wish you had yesterday back."

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Alder River Grange did not hold a meeting on Feb. 14 due to the storm. The next meeting will be on March 14 at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street with a 6 p.m. supper and the meeting at 7 p.m.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening

Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. On Saturday, Feb. 15, a Valentine's Day Banquet was held at the fellowship hall with 32 people attending, plus the young people who served us, the cook Mrs. Paula Jones and the speaker Pastor Matthew Jones. It was a very enjoyable evening in "Paris, France," with very large pictures of Paris on the walls, fancy tables, candles, music, photos taken, etc. The menu was great. First an appetizer, Caesar salad, warmed croissants, green beans with almonds, chicken cordon bleu, baked potato with sour cream, and a dessert of melting chocolate lava cake. Delicious. The young people did a wonderful job of serving us. Thanks to all of them.

Sympathy to the family of Eleanor Koskela.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet at the hall for a meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, with a potluck dinner to follow.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Town Conference Room on Thursday, March 6, at 11:30. Potluck dinner: Please bring a dish to share plus your own place setting. A silent auction will be the program, so please bring an item for the auction. New members always welcome.

The program for Whitman Memorial Library will be March 13 at 2 p.m. Jack Richardson of Paris, a retired spe-

cial agent for the FBI, will be guest speaker. He will talk about his time with the FBI and current plans. The public is welcome to attend at no charge and light refreshments will be served. Please note: If there is no school that day, the program will be held on April 13.

The exercise class meets each Thursday at 10 a.m. with Nancy Willard as leader.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



Judging by the number of cars parked at the Town Hall and in the church parking lot, as well as around the corner and down Main Street, the fund raiser for Cindy and Steve Simmons was a huge success. Thanks to all who participated in this event to help out two deserving people.

The On Our Own School Group met on Friday evening and is announcing two public hearings on March 8 at 10 a.m. and March 12 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall. Some people may be asking why school withdrawal is being considered and voted on a second time. This is due to the fact that the vote was so close that state law permits a retry immediately. The committee has worked very hard on reducing the original budget which was a worst case scenario budget and wishes to inform the community of the new proposed costs. This is an important decision for our town and I urge all of you to attend one of these hearings and then vote on Tuesday, March 18, at the general town election in which a Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor will be elected as well as a SAD 44 School Director. If you need to vote absentee, you can obtain an absentee ballot at the Town Office until three days before the election, so plan for that option if necessary.

The Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club has two important meetings coming up. The first is a regular meeting to be held March 5 at

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7 p.m. at the clubhouse off of Route 5. The second is their annual meeting to be held April 5 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. This meeting will be preceded by a pot luck supper. All are welcome to bring a dish to share.

The Andover Democratic Caucus will meet at Mountain Valley High School in a combined caucus with other River Valley Democratic Committees on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 1 p.m. The caucuses are the front lines of grassroots politics. Attendees select delegates to the Democratic State Convention, elect Municipal Committee Officers and County Committee members and discuss national and local policy issues affecting all Maine people. Democratic candidates, elected officials and representatives from Democratic campaigns will attend. This gives interested Democratic voters a time to be up-front and personal with those who are seeking their support. There will be a collection of non-perishable foods for local food banks. People not currently registered in a political party, who would like to enroll as a Democrat may do so at their town office or at the caucus location immediately preceding the caucus. The 2014 State Convention will be held May 30 and 31 at the newly opened Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

On Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. there will be an Ash Wednesday service with distribution of ashes at the First Congregational Church. The church has also announced the date for the annual Birthday Supper which will be April 26 with two sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. The menu is ham, mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw and homemade rolls. The price is \$7 for adults, children under 12 \$4. The tradition of the Birthday Supper has been going on since 1938 with the exception of a couple of years during WWII. Each table is decorated for a month of the year and dessert of course is birthday cake.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The Greenwood Budget Committee met with our highway department recently and

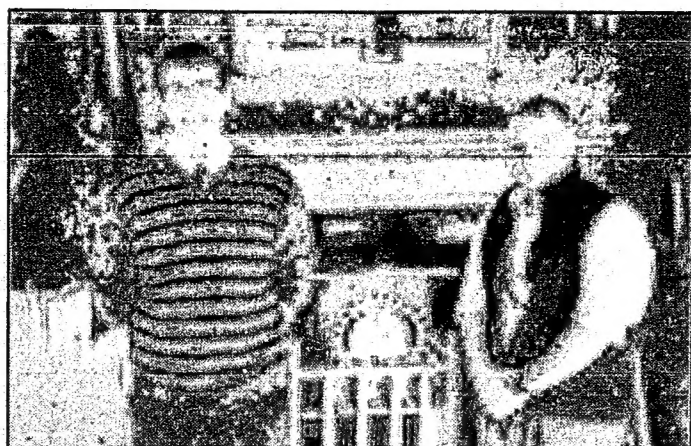
heard the budget requests for next year. The highway department is requesting money for a new plow truck. They propose for half the cost to come from the highway reserve fund and the other half to come from taxes.

They also addressed the section of the Greenwood Road between the Howe Hill and Rowe Hill Roads. It is in bad shape due mainly to the great amount of water that flows under this section of the road. Of course, there is also a lot of traffic on the road. At this time, they are requesting \$100,000 to overlay this section of the road.

Soap box time. How about adding some more money to that request and putting more drainage under the road to minimize the damage caused by the water? Surface water and springs run down the hillsides on the west side of the road, under the road, and into the ponds on the east side of the Greenwood Road. Additional drainage under the road will help minimize future damage. This means the road stays in better shape for longer. That means less cost for us taxpayers. Just my opinion, but spending more money might save us money in the long run.

The Budget Committee also discussed administrative costs which Town Manager Kim Sparks said will stay about the same as this year.

This week (Thursday at 6 p.m.) the Budget Committee will hear the fire department's budget request as well as discuss the town's revenues. The following week (March), Sparks hopes financial decisions will be made. The members of our budget committee are: Brian Dunham, Fran Picarillo, Bill Bickford and Larry Meri-



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT- The Bethel Rotary recently presented a scholarship to Telstar alum Rick James. Rick is a freshman at the University of Maine, Orono, in the Honors College. He is declaring a double major in Political Science and Journalism. Rick is pictured here with Dr. Kevin Finley, Scholarship Committee Chair.

Submitted photo

no. If you have comments or questions, please call Sparks at 875-2773.

It's the time for animal business. Online applications for the 2014 moose permit lottery are now being accepted. The deadline to apply online is May 14, 2014. The drawing will be held in June. To apply, go to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife web site.

Orders for the annual pond-stocking trout sale will be taken through the month of April for rainbow, brook and brown trout. A permit to stock is required from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Applications for the permit are available by going to the IF&W website or contacting the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District.

On the tiny creature level, snow fleas are out on the sunny days. These tiny insects do not bite. They live in mosses and, being cold-tolerant, come to the snow surface and leap about on sunny days. I suppose we also do some leaping about on those sunny winter days.

And with sun, comes warmth. Not only is the maple sap running, but sugar houses are now boiling down sap into syrup. The Dunham Farm did its first boiling this past week.

Sun cups are forming in un-

disturbed snow. Sun cups are bowl-shaped open depressions in the snow surface that are normally wider than they are deep. The ones I've seen this year are between two-to-six inches across and an inch or so deep. They form during the snow melting process. While generally small around here, sun cups can grow to significant size at higher altitudes. Sun cups, sap, town budget meetings and trout sales. All signs of a coming spring. Please send news to 3taich16@gmail.com.

Albany

By KATHY BENNETT



As I sit down to write my news this week I realize the effects this winter has had on our lives. So many times throughout the winter the weather as not permitted us to carry out planned activities. Therefore there is little news to write about. Last weekend my son, David, visited his brother Doug and family and me. He and I had lunch at Melby's and a good visit.

This week Margaret Barton and Jane Wardwell had lunch at Melby's to celebrate Jane's birthday.

I have been on vacation

all this week and have spent it at home doing just as I please. Lots of hoeing out of much accumulated junk, cleaning and enjoying the time off. As I was thinking about what to put in my column I thought about the things I do in my life that never was thought of by the older generation of my family. I watch T.V., play on my iPad or cell phone and my desktop computer. Communicating with friends and family is certainly much easier but not as personable. I could go on and on with how things have changed over the last 71 years for me as well as many others. Life may not be as exciting as it used to be but at least we have many fond memories. Until next week, stay warm and be happy spring is on its way!

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

Lovely spring weather for a few days! Then we are back into the cold later this week. It is hard to believe that March 1 is this Saturday.

My brother, Steve McLain, went to daughter-in-law Carole Mason's house to watch the Daytona 500. Carole's dog, Stetson, was happy to have someone to settle down in the chair and watch the race with him. The race got rained out but Stetson didn't seem to mind.

Mary Tyler called the other day to let me know that she has finished the top of the quilt that she is making for the Gilead Historical Society to raffle off this summer. She also said that on the same day that the Snow Buntings were here, they appeared at her house. We figured it was probably the same pair.

There are several turkeys that come either up the road or the railroad tracks in front of the house. Mary Tyler has seen them come down Bridge Street several times this past week. I guess the snow is too deep

to go around my house and through the woods to hers. The Robin was back this past weekend. He added a different look to the front yard along with the Blue Jays, Cardinals, Mourning Doves, Chickadees and Sparrows. Quite an array of color when they all show up at the same time.

I had to attend the Republican Caucus in Bethel last Saturday. The Registrar from any town that is represented has to be there to register anyone from their town who would like to be a Republican and take part in the caucus. Also attending were Christen Mason from Bethel, Kim Sparks from Greenwood and Kelly Harrington from Hanover.

The Democratic Caucus will be held on Sunday, March 2, at Telstar High School at 3:00pm. I will have to attend that one, also. Just part of my job that I do for the Town of Gilead.

Last Sunday, Hugh and I attended a couple of our granddaughter Sidney Chapman's hockey games at the Notre Dame Arena in Berlin, N.H. They lost the first game, but Sidney scored in that one. They won the second game which was nice, since it was the last home game of the season.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapma1@hotmail.com.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The State Line Snowmobile Club held its Fishing Derby Saturday. The event went well with lots of prizes given out and plenty of great food served. More details next week. The annual Club ride in/cookout at the "Sugar Shack" will be Saturday, March 1.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, Feb. 28, at the town office. The next scheduled meet-

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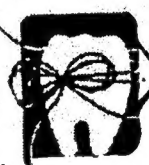
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ing for the Upton Selectmen is Tuesday, March 11. I am enjoying my "practice retirement." I have stayed busy logging next year's firewood, bulldozer repairs and other projects. I am not nearly as bored and restless as I thought I would be.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



February draws to a close as cold as it started. At least it hasn't snowed in a few days, but by the time you read this it may have snowed again. At least we had last weekend. Saturday and Sunday were both glorious days. The sun was warm enough that Lefty even came out and stayed out for a good part of the day. Of course she hid part of that in the garage which was actually colder than outside because there was no sun there, but at least she got out for a little while. Gertrude, of course, was right at home and roamed further along the driveway and also ended up in the garage. When the day turned, they went back inside. Soon they will be able to spend their days outside. I am ready for that warmth.

Friday, Feb. 28, the Seed Swap/Seed Saving Workshop which was canceled last week will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. The weather is expected to be fine. This will be at the Fare Share Commons on Main Street in Norway.

Saturday is March 1. Can spring be far away? I hope not.

Monday, March 3, is the birthday of granddaughter Sadie Morin. Happy Birthday, Sadie.

Monday from 2 to 4, the Knitting Group will meet at Waterford Library. All levels of knitters from beginner to expert are welcome. FMI please call 583-2050.

Monday, March 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Socrates café will meet at the Waterford Library. FMI please call 583-2050.

Thursday, March 6, "Spring Into Colorful Foods" will be presented at the West Parish Congo Church by Cathy DiCocca from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. FMI call R. Tiff at 824-2053.

The cold of the morning forces me to end here. Have a great week and try to stay warm.

Backyard Reflections

By SARA WRIGHT

Secrets in the Snow
Ever since the Ice Queen made her first appearance the slippery roads have made it impossible to walk anywhere, (in spite of the heroic efforts of the kindly man that plows/sands my road and the town crew, both of whom have struggled to keep the road ice under control). As a result I have been snowshoeing in my overgrown field every single day. I follow a number of paths through the white pines that protect me from the wind even when the arctic cold is intense, reminding me of how much I love trees in general and the protection and warmth that I associate with white pines in particular. (Yes, I am a non-apologetic tree lover, who built her house out of trees). I know I am not alone feeling protected because both cottontails and snowshoe hares inhabit this area and their tracks crisscross my paths with regularity moving from one sheltering pine and lowland scrub juniper patch to another to feed in relative safety.

Each morning I set out with a question in mind. Whose tracks will I find today? I first saw the paw prints of a wild cat well over a month ago. Surprised initially by the size of the track, (about 2 1/2 to 3 inches in length/breadth when I measured a few) I first assumed that this animal must be a bobcat. Bobcats (Lynx rufus) are one of the smaller wild cats in the lynx family, and I have seen their footprints around my field and on a nearby woods road over the last few years. The size and round appearance of these feline tracks makes them easy to separate from those of house cats.

My hunter friend has seen them on his road too, but neither of us has ever seen the cat, probably because these creatures are most active a few hours around dusk and then again at dawn. When I first began following the cat tracks a few weeks ago they crisscrossed those of the cottontails and hares the field in



TELSTAR VOCALIST SHINES AT JAZZ FESTIVAL-The Music Department announces a Telstar first: Anneliese Smith was chosen to be a member of the Maine Jazz All State Festival. She sang with 31 of the most talented Jazz vocalists in the state under the direction of David Thorne Scott, an Associate Professor of Voice at Berklee College of Music. The evening at Peakes Auditorium in Bangor was filled with beautiful music including: Waters of March, and three other selections arranged by the conductor himself, 'I Thought About You,' 'Sing For Your Supper,' and the famous Carmichael song 'Stardust.'

different places and some led to the brook but often, too often for the rabbits I am afraid, judging by blood stained snow and the signs of a brief struggle, the rabbit tracks ended abruptly when the cat caught its quarry. There are so many new paw prints in the soft snow I suspect the presence of more than one animal even though research says that bobcats are solitary and maintain distinct territories. Mammalian literature often states that wild animals are solitary but I suspect this statement is more about researchers who spend more time in the lab instead of in the field actually observing the behavior of the wild animals they are studying.

It is hard to describe my excitement when I first glimpsed what I believed to be the bobcat one night shortly after I had measured the tracks. I surprised the feline whose stark yellow eyed gaze met mine seconds before it vanished behind the pines just around dusk. I never saw its tail. Soon afterwards I noted in my journal that the cardinals had been on alert, clicking with that staccato-like sound they use when they perceive a threat even while feeding, and that two members of my fam-

ily of flying squirrels had suddenly disappeared.

My first impression of the cat was that it was too big to be a cat. The animal stood about two feet tall, maybe taller. The neck ruff stood out as did the beautifully marked face and black pointed tufted ears. Was this a bobcat or a Lynx? I couldn't decide and reviewed the literature on both paying particular attention to similarities and differences between the two, hoping to answer my own question.

Both the bobcat and the Canada lynx are members of the lynx family, two of four species. The word Lynx has its root in "leuk" meaning light or brightness in reference to the luminescence of these cats' reflective eyes. Both animals are similar in appearance although the lynx is often the larger of the two. Both have distinct ruffs, ear tufts, longer back legs, and short bobbed tails. Both maintain similar sized territories and their territories overlap in northern areas that include Maine. Maine has breeding populations of both bobcat and lynx. Both scratch the trunks of trees with their scent stored in foot pads advertising their presence to others. Both den in crevices or brush and raise similar

sized litters (three kittens are common) that remain with the mother for about nine months before striking out on their own. Both are fierce, silent, stealthy, and dedicated hunters who are capable of taking down large prey like deer if food is scarce. Both cats can climb and are good swimmers. Both have round tracks with four toes and no claws showing because the claws are retractable but the lynx track is larger. Both the bobcat and Canadian lynx have excellent eyesight and can spot prey at a distance of 250 feet; the furry tufts in their ears are believed to heighten hearing ability. Both feast on snowshoe hares and cottontails but the lynx has a preference for them and sustainable lynx populations depend upon the rise and fall of the hare/rabbit populations.

Bobcats have the most widely distributed range from southern Canada across most of the United States and Mexico. The Canada lynx only inhabit northern states in the US along the Canadian border, while ranging across forests and tundra regions in Canada and into Alaska. Both bobcat and lynx hunt by actively stalking, flushing, chasing and pouncing on prey and by using resting or hunting beds to wait for prey to approach. The bobcat has shorter ear tufts than the Lynx does. A bobcat's weight varies (14 to 40 pounds) and a bobcat can weigh as much as a lynx. The bobcat has a bobbed tail with white on its underside. The lynx has a completely black tail. While bobcats dislike deep snow and usually wait out storms under cover, the lynx has unusually large paws that act like snowshoes in very deep snow allowing it to hunt in all kinds of weather. Bobcats prey on many small mammals including the domestic cat; lynx are specialized hunters that target rabbits and hares

almost exclusively. Coyotes, wolves, and cougars are known to prey on both lynx and bobcat, but death by hunting takes about half of both populations. Hunting is also responsible for decimating both species in some areas.

Bobcat and Lynx appear frequently in mythology. In Greece the earth goddess Demeter turned herself into a lynx when the king tried to kill her. Freya, a Nordic snow goddess was attended by lynx. In Native American mythologies bobcat/lynx are often twinned with coyote. Lynx/bobcat and coyote are associated with fog and wind respectively. These are not the opposing forces that we might see in the Judeo-Christian ethic of good vs. evil. Instead lynx and coyote exist together in uneasy tension reflecting the nature of Native American holism. No human or animal is either all good or all bad. Lynx is silent, a keeper of secrets, withholder of knowledge, but has "second sight," an ability to see through what's hidden revealing truths through telepathy or clairvoyance. Coyote is a more obvious trickster figure who steals and tricks the unwary causing misery, but he can also act as a kind of culture hero who throws the stars into the sky.

Since that first wild cat sighting I have had four more fleeting glimpses of the grey and buff colored wild cat early in the evening - long enough to see the black tipped ear tufts, and three times, I glimpsed the short bobbed tail as the cat disappeared. But I am still mystified as to which striped wild cat I am seeing, and can only hope that this beautiful wild animal will eventually allow me to observe it long enough to uncover the secret of its identity. As of this writing I am still unable to make a positive identification.

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Blanco program announced at Gould

Gould Academy and Inaugural Poet Richard Blanco announced last week the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat, a collaboration between the poet and the small boarding school that aims to celebrate living writers and build appreciation for contemporary work.

"This is something I've been dreaming of doing with Gould and in Bethel for a while, and now it's a wonderful opportunity," said Blanco. "Part of what I learned over the process of being the inaugural poet, was that we as a country need to continue to create new generations of readers and appreciators of poetry. Through contact with contemporary work and contemporary authors, my hope is that students can develop that appreciation and understand that poetry, just like any art, is still vibrant and alive today—one that can teach us about ourselves and about the world."

The Richard Blanco Writers Program and Retreat provides a contemporary writer with a small stipend and a two-week stay in Blanco's private cottage, where the writer can rest and work on his or her craft. Visiting writers will engage with Gould Academy students and faculty through classroom visits and workshops, giving them the opportunity to connect with and learn from a living artist. Through public readings and events, the program will expose the larger community and region to great contemporary writers.

"We are thrilled to partner with Richard to help bring working writers to our school and community," said Gould Academy Head of School Matt Ruby. "This is an exceptional opportunity for our students, faculty and the region. We can't wait to see it grow."

Blanco announced the pro-



Richard Blanco talks with Gould students at the school library last week. Dirk MacKnight/Gould Academy

gram's first participating writer, poet Spencer Reece, who will spend two weeks in Bethel in March.

"I have been a fan of Spencer's work for quite some time," said Blanco. "He visited me in Bethel last year, and I am thrilled to welcome him back to share his work. I am sure his moving and pure-spirited poems will inspire and enrich our community."

An Episcopal priest ordained in 2011, Reece's poems explore faith and family. His debut collection, "The Clerk's Tale," was published in 2004 and received the Katharine Bakeless-Nason Prize for poetry, selected by U.S. Poet Laureate Louise Glück and awarded by the Middlebury College Bread Loaf Writer's Conference. He is also the author of the collection "The Road to Emmaus" published in 2013.

Reece's honors include fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, grants from the Fulbright Foundation and the Minnesota State Arts Council, a Witter Bynner fellowship from the Library of Congress and a Whiting Writer's Award.

The program and Reece's upcoming visit are a natural

fit for Gould and its English curriculum, said English Department Chair Holly Tornrose.

"We share Richard's belief in the value of exposing students to the work of living writers. Our curriculum includes authors from around the world both past and present by design," said Tornrose. "Rather than seeing writing as a celebrated art from the past, this program will help our students to see writing as a living craft, one that they can appreciate and experience today. We are looking forward to having Spencer on campus working with students."

A public reading and reception featuring Spencer Reece with an introduction by Blanco is slated for Thursday, March 6 from 7 to 8 p.m. in Bingham Auditorium on the Gould Academy campus. The reading will be followed by an intimate reception with both poets and a book signing with Reece.

Gould Academy is a coed college preparatory school located at the eastern edge of the White Mountains in Bethel. With 240 students and an average class size of ten, Gould prepares academically motivated students for college and helps them to become independent-minded, ethical citizens who will lead lives of purpose, action, excellence, and compassion in a dynamic world. Visit www.gouldacademy.org for more information.

Bethel Republicans hold caucus

Sarah Tucker, vice chair of the Bethel Republican Town Committee, called the 2014 Republican Town Caucus to order. A quorum of eleven more than met the bylaw requirement and the meeting proceeded to elect Stan Howe, secretary of the Town Committee, to be caucus chairman. The bylaws, enacted in 2006, were reviewed and endorsed for 2014. Town Committee officers were elected: Chairman, Clarke Reiner; Vice Chair, Sarah Tucker; Secretary, Stan Howe; Treasurer, Becky Kendall. County Committee delegates selected were Dorothy Bartlett, Bettyann Hastings, and Jarrod Crockett. The Town Committee Treasurer Becky Kendall

reported on receipts and outlays of the Committee since the last caucus in 2012. Various candidates and their representatives spoke, including Michael Parshall of Upton, candidate for Sheriff. Peter Laverdia of Oxford advocated for Bruce Poliquin for Congress and Jarrod Crockett supported the re-election of Senator Susan Collins and the selection of Kevin Raye for the Second District nomination. Fran Head of Bethel, candidate for State Representative, emphasized her interest in learning about voter concerns in touring District 117, so she can best represent residents of western Maine.

The new chairman of the Bethel Town Republican

Committee, Clarke Reiner, age 22, is a graduate of the University of Vermont, and is continuing his education at Champlain College. He is the grandson of "Bud" Lamson, who operated a television business in Bethel for many years. Reiner is currently involved as an Advanced EMT for Bethel Rescue, and is looking forward to working for Fran Head as the best choice for our next State Representative. "She knows first-hand the issues that our neighbors care about, the importance of this election, and the impact that our leaders in Augusta have on so many small businesses here in town," he added in enthusiastically endorsing her candidacy.

County Democrats caucus schedule

On Sunday, March 2, at locations throughout Oxford County, Democrats will kick off the 2014 campaign season at Democratic Party caucuses. Locations for individual caucuses are:

1 p.m.: Mt. Valley High School, Rumford, for Rumford, Mexico, Roxbury, Byron, Andover, Peru, Dixfield and Canton. Buckfield at Buckfield Municipal Building, Norway at Norway Town Office. Summer at Summer Town Office.

2 p.m.: Denmark at Denmark Library, Oxford and Otisfield at Oxford Town Office. Paris at Paris Town Office.

3 p.m.: Telstar Regional High School Library for Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, Milton, Gilead, Newry, Albany, Hanover, Upton, Lincoln, and Magalloway. Fryeburg Town Office for Fryeburg and Brownfield. Hiram Town Office for Hiram and Porter. Lovell Town Office for Lovell and Stow. Hartford Town Office for Hartford. West Paris Town Office for West Paris.

4 p.m.: Waterford Town Office for Waterford, Sweden and Stoneham.

A complete listing of caucus information is available at www.mainedems.org. For information email info@oxforddems.org or call County Chair Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

"Statewide, the party will be drawing thousands of activists to caucus and build our grassroots campaign for 2014. Maine Democrats are energized and ready to elect Democratic leaders who stand up for working class Mainers. We have one of the strongest tickets in our party's history with Mike Michaud, Chellie Pingree and Shenna Bellows on the ballot. Mainers have had enough of the current leadership and are ready to turn the page," said Ben Grant, Chairman of the Maine Democratic Party.

The caucuses are the front lines of grassroots politics. Attendees select delegates to the Democratic State

Convention, elect Municipal Officers and County Committee members, and discuss national and local policy issues affecting all Maine people. Democratic candidates, elected officials and representatives from Democratic campaigns will attend. Attendees are asked to bring their viewpoints, ideas and questions for discussion.

People not currently registered in a political party who would like to enroll as a Democrat may do so at their town office or at the caucus location immediately preceding the caucus.

The 2014 State Convention will be held May 30 and 31 at the newly opened Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. The event will feature activist trainings and workshops, passage of the 2014 Platform and floor speeches from Congressman Mike Michaud, Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, and candidates for the US Senate and 2nd Congressional District.

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There is no cost for this program. For more information or to register call please call 743-1562 ext. 6896.

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Senior College program on nutrition

Cathi DiCocco, local professional chef and frequent presenter on food topics, returns to give a talk for National Nutrition Month entitled, "Spring into Spring with Colorful Foods - A Diet Rich in Colors Will Ensure a Wide Variety of Nutrients." The program will be held at the Bethel Congregational Church hall, 32 Church Street, Bethel, on Thursday, March 6, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Nutritional programs are always high on the list on evaluations made by participants of past To Your Health programs, and DiCocco is always willing to give an update. Following the National Nutrition Month theme, "Enjoy the taste of eating right," DiCocco said, "My goal is to inspire and encourage people to eat well and take ownership for their food choices." She will discuss the nutritional color wheel and said, "Adding a splash of colorful seasonal foods to your plate makes more than just a festive meal. A rainbow of foods creates a palette of nutrients, each with a different package of potential benefits for healthful eating." This lively presentation will show how easy it is to enjoy a variety of nutritional foods that support one's health. DiCocco will hold a cooking demonstration and have tasty samples and recipes available. To Your Health is sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College as a community service with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44/Continuing Education. The public is invited and admission is free. For more information, contact Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

MLT Winter Whitecap Gourmet Hike

You've climbed it for the blueberries; now venture to the top of Whitecap for a glorious winter experience on Saturday, March 8, beginning at 9 a.m. The Mahoosuc Land Trust invites adventurous hikers to climb Whitecap with the additional reward of a potluck gourmet lunch at the summit. This will be a strenuous hike, requiring snowshoes, poles and a bit of stamina. Please bring water, a gourmet dish to share, and enthusiasm for enjoying this treasure of a mountain. The hike will begin at the Whitecap trailhead in Rumford. Take Route 5 north from Route 2 for three miles. Turn right to cross the first bridge, then left onto East Andover Road. The trailhead is 200 yards on the right. Please let us know if you plan to hike by calling 207-824-3806 or e-mailing mlt@mahoosuc.org, although last minute hikers are welcome. The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County, Maine, and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

Rotary Wine and Beer Tasting event

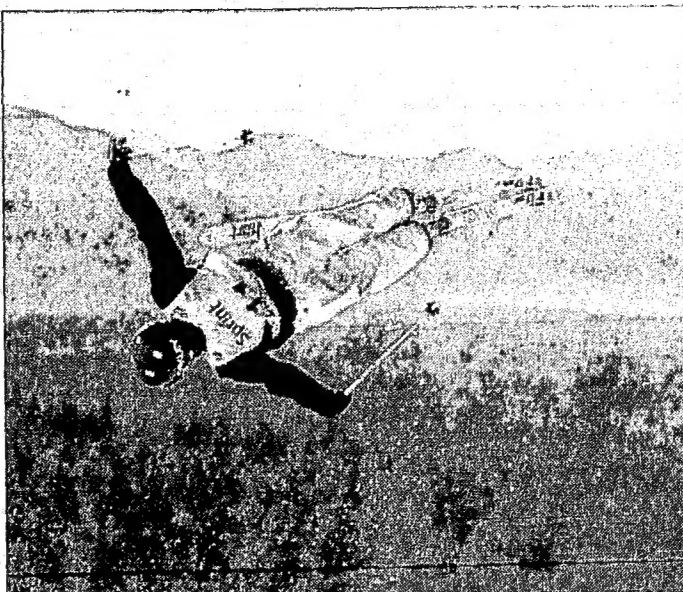
The Rotary Club of Bethel announces the 7th annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event, Saturday, March 8, 2014, 6 to 8 p.m. at the White Cap Lodge, Sunday River. Enjoy the atmosphere of Sunday River while you sample a wide assortment of choice wines, beers and appetizers provided by The Good Food Store. There will be music to add to the fun of this evening while providing support to the Bethel Community. For advance tickets and more information, call the Riverview Resort, Route 2, Bethel, 824-2808. The MT Explorer bus service will make stops at the Riverview Resort and the White Cap Lodge. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Bethel, funds raised will benefit community projects and scholarships. The price is \$30 per person. For more information contact Bruce Powell, event chair, (207) 557-2845, powellb@megalink.net.

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Troy Murphy at the 2013 U.S. Freestyle Championships in Heavenly, Calif. Murphy placed fourth at the event.

Troy Murphy gets grant from ski club

The Sunday River Ski and Snowboard Club has granted Bethel native Troy Murphy \$1000. The money will be used to help Troy fund travel and expenses as he competes on the World Cup moguls-circuit in Japan and Europe. Long time Club board member Bill Brown, who is current Chair of the Grants Committee, was excited to make the grant to Troy. Brown said, "As someone who has known Troy since he was doing spread eagles on jumps in his back yard, it is really exciting to see his recent success on the World Cup circuit. Two top 5 finishes at that level is impressive, and speaks to how hard Troy has worked. As Troy does not have full US Ski Team sponsorship, the Club knows how expensive it is to compete on the World Cup, and we are glad to help in any way we can." When reached via e-mail about the grant Troy responded "This is great news. Please pass on my gratitude to the rest of the Club members, it would be much appreciated. Thanks so much for your support! I hope to make every one proud in the upcoming events! Hope all is well back home?" Brown further explained that the Club supports all levels of athletes, from helping kids get on snow with River Runner and GACP program fees at Sunday River, to paying for registration at the State Championships - which the Club did for the Telstar Middle School alpine team last year. "Our primary fundraiser is the Big Raffle," said Brown. "This year it is on March 15, and you can buy tickets at Gourmet in a Pinch. Tickets are \$100, but you can split them with co-workers or friends. We only sell 500 tickets, so you have pretty good odds at winning \$10,000."

Umbagog Fishing Derby a success

PICKEREL: Andre Larin, 25.75 inches
PERCH: Adam Angevine, 13 inches (This was Adam's first time ice fishing. How do you beat that?)
BASS: Randy Knapp, 3.01 pounds
TROUT: Tim Bailey, 18 inches
We also had an auger competition, won by Brandon Croteau, where so me youngsters rode augers that were set in partially-drilled holes. The object was to ride the auger for ten seconds. Now you know Maine's answer to mechanical bull-riding.

The State Line SC wishes to thank Gary Bilodeau and Roxanne Dubey for organizing our events. Thanks must also go out to our grill chef, Rodney Goodrum, who looks like he does this work for a living. We also put out a general thanks to all those who donated prizes, food, soda, water, and Gary's elves who pulled off the feeding of the multitude. Those early workers also thank Bob Pepler, who provided coffee and muffins from Mostly Muffins and delivered Carol Norman's delicious breakfast sandwiches. This is just one example of what makes Upton a wonderful place to live.

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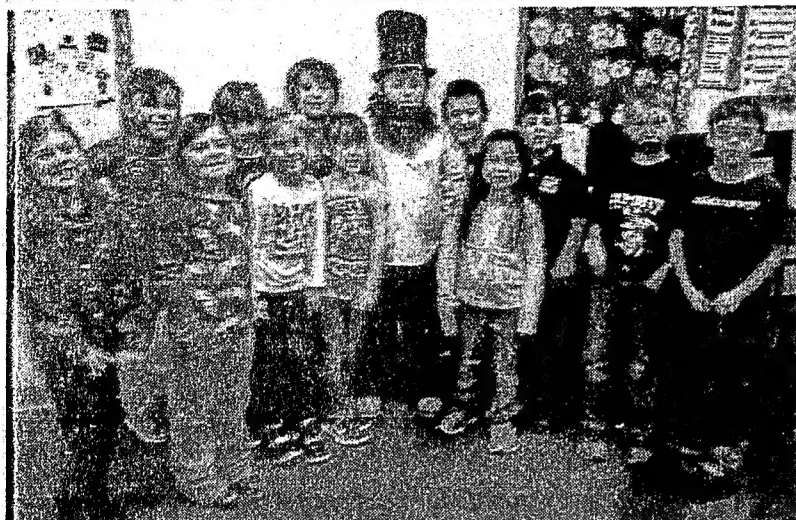
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CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**SPIRIT WEEK
AT CPS:**
Second-grader
Myles James is
dressed up as
Abe Lincoln.



Mrs. Wight's second
grade class enjoyed
learning about
fractions and
probability using
conversation hearts.
They really enjoyed the
final part of their lesson
because they got to eat
their math.



CPS PTA RE-ESTABLISHED:
On behalf of the Crescent Park School, we are happy to announce that our PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) has been newly reestablished. Just recently, the PTA held their first fundraiser selling raffle tickets, which brought in \$383 to help kick start our efforts. Congratulations to Millie Akers, pictured here, who proudly won 1st prize- \$50 to Black Diamond Steak House. We would like to thank Black Diamond Steak House, The Sudbury Inn, and Crossroads Diner for their generous contributions, as well as the kind people who helped participate in taking a chance to win a prize and supporting the Crescent Park School-PTA. We would also like to welcome all CPS-Parents to join our next monthly meeting, which will be held on Wednesday March 5 at CPS from 6-7 p.m.

TELSTAR NEWS



**ROTARY STUDENTS OF
THE MONTH AT THS:**
The Rotary Club of Bethel recognized and congratulated students for the month of January, Katie Merrill and Josh Eliot, and their parents. Pictured are: Telstar High School Principal, Dan Hart; Katie Merrill (upperclassman), Josh Eliot (underclassman), and Rene McGrew, President of the Rotary Club.



TMS proudly recognized three more students this month as our school Super Stars: 7th grader, Koley True; 6th grader, Brooke Clarey; and 8th grader, Caroline Finley. These ladies were voted by the faculty to be the Super Stars of the month for being excellent leaders and positive role models to their peers.



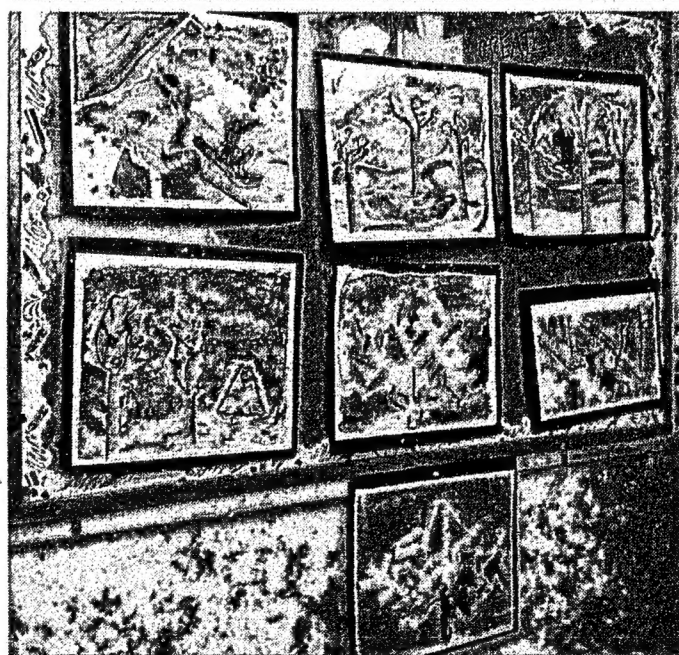
TMS students were recognized for their positive work ethic and contributions to our school community at a recent assembly. Students who have earned 200 behavior points (since the start of the year) were honored with their choice from a variety of new, award winning young adult novels. The books were purchased thanks to

donations from members of our community. Donors who attending the assembly got to meet the recipients and share their pride and belief in them. Thanks to John and Rosemary Laban and Margie Finley for joining us!

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY



**AES CITIZENS-OF-
THE-MONTH:**
Pictured L to R:
Isaac Bacheller,
Macey Dixon,
Paisley Clukey,
and Isabell Casey.



**AES 2/3 Grade
Watercolors:
Birch Trees**



**Mr. Curley's
AES 2/3 class
recently per-
formed a
Reader's
Theatre for
their parents.**



AES began to recycle school breakfasts and lunches Feb. 12, thanks to a PTA sponsored grant. Students recently viewed a presentation on recycling.

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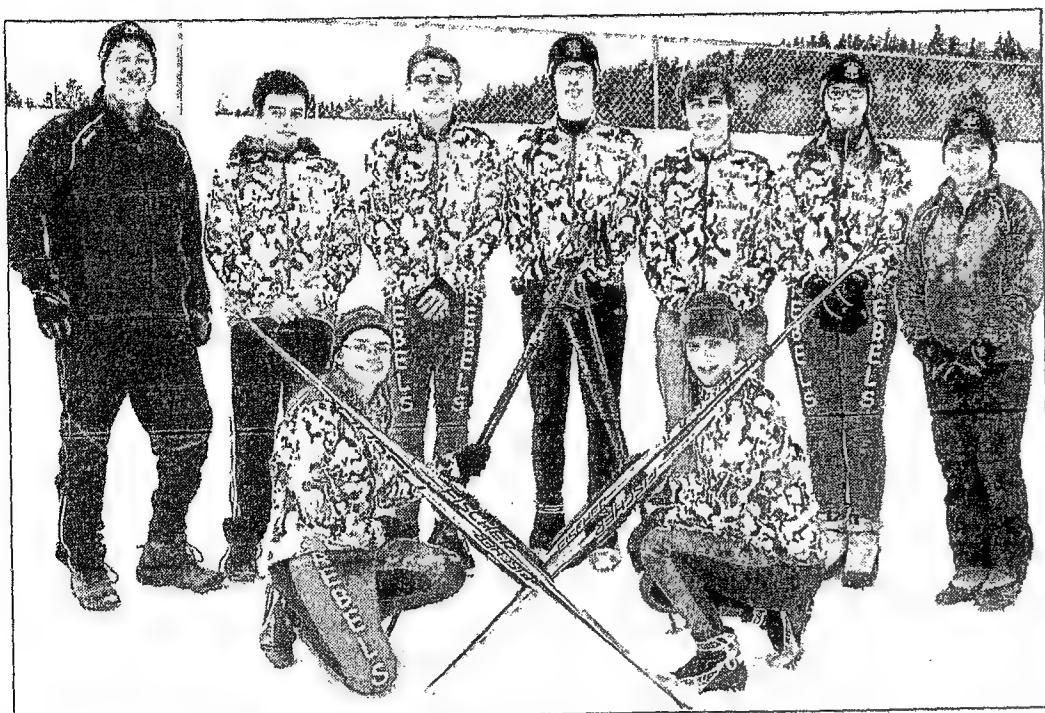
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Telstar 2013-2014 Ski Teams



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2013-2014 NORDIC SKIING
Front: Carla Boyle-Wight and Gabrielle Stone. Back: Coach Peter Pepin, Alec Fowles, Kellen True, Gregory Wheeler, Liam Gallagher, Anneliese Smith, Coach Sarah Southam. Absent: Kaitlyn Brown.



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2013-2014 ALPINE SKIING
Kneeling: Annalise Hawthorne and Anna Tyrina. Middle: Ali Turnick, Gabrielle Stone, Josh Eliot, Liam Gallagher, Coach John Eliot. Back: Luke Davis, Kellen True, Greg Wheeler, Aaron Speakman, Nick Johnson, Austin Bear, Camron Rothwell. Absent: James Newkirk.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2013-2014 NORDIC SKIING
Front: Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Ashley Childs, Mia Shifrin, Chaia Alford, Isabel Chase. Middle: Lilo Bean, Marta Opie, Victoria Hamel, Ella Blair, Ana Rossow. Back: Coach Chris Barstow, Duncan Forbes, Alish Connolly, Livy Clarke, Sam Weaver, Erin Childs. Absent: Dylan Richmond, Coach Kirk Siegel.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2013-2014 ALPINE SKIING
Front: Cameron Simard, Josie Forbes, Max Ochtera, Max Godomsky, Tristen Lilly Back: Coach Mac, Ella Blair, Jordan McGetchen, Lukas McGetchen, Lily Drew, Emily Fraiser. Photos courtesy Lifetouch

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; Open the second Monday of each month, 12 to 8 p.m. Located in the basement of the Nazarene Church at the corner of Park and Church Streets in Bethel. Serving the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Upton, Albany, Gilead, West Bethel, Mason and Milton Townships and Hanover. No appointment necessary. Questions: 824-0369.

Thursday, Feb. 27

WES Winter Concert; 6:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School multi-purpose room.

Friday, Feb. 28

TMS Activity Night; 6 to 8:30 p.m., Telstar auditorium, cafeteria and gym.

Saturday, March 1

Met Opera Live in HD Presents: Prince Igor; 12 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg. \$26/adults, \$23/seniors, \$18/students. FMI/Tickets: fryeburgacademy.org/tickets or (207)935-9232.

Snowshoe Hike and Hot Chocolate; 1 p.m., Agnes Gray Elementary School. Sponsored by the West Paris Partnership to Celebrate the Maine Woods. FMI: 674-2004.

Sunday, March 2

Irish, Scottish and English Heritage Music; 2 p.m., St. Kieran's Community Center for the Arts, Berlin, N.H. Concert with husband and wife duo, Dominique Dodge and Robert Ryan. \$12/adults, \$6/minors. St. Kieran's series members may present membership cards at the door. Colonial Theatre seasonal members receive a \$2 discount upon presenting proof of membership. FMI/tickets: 603-752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

Monday, March 3

Knitting Group; 2 to 4 p.m., Waterford Library. **Socrates Café Meeting;** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: Free International Trade: A Good or Bad Idea? Moderator: Earl Morse. Light refreshments served. All Welcome. FMI: 583-6957.

Tuesday, March 4

TMS PTA Meeting; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Telstar library.

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday Service; 12 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel. All are welcome. **CPS PTA Meeting;** 6 to 7 p.m., Crescent Park School. **Snow Valley Sno-Goers Meeting;** 7 p.m. at the clubhouse off Route 5, Andover. All interested persons invited to attend.

Thursday, March 6

"Spring into Spring with Colorful Foods" with Cathi DiCocco; 4:30 to 6 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church hall, 82 Church Street, Bethel. Cooking demonstration, tasty samples and recipes. Public invited. Free admission. A WMSC "To Your Health presentation." FMI: R. Tiff (824-2053).

WES PTA Meeting; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School library.

Public Reading and Reception with Spencer Reece; 7 to 8 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. The reading will be followed by an intimate reception with Spencer Reece and Richard Blanco. FMI: www.gouldacademy.org.

Friday, March 7

Forestry Program; 6:30 p.m., West Paris Public Library. Guest speaker: Forestry Consultant Donald Feehey. Sponsored by the West Paris Partnership to Celebrate Maine in the Woods. FMI: 674-2004.

March 8 and 9

Winter Kids Downhill 24; The Downhill 24 benefits Winter Kids. Teams compete to see how can ski the most laps in 24 hours. There is live music, Zumba and other events during the 24 hour event. Last year over \$42,000 was raised. FMI/registration: www.winterkids.org.

Saturday, March 8

MLT Whitecap Gourmet Hike; 9 a.m., Whitecap trailhead, East Andover Road, Rumford. This will be a strenuous hike, requiring snowshoes, poles and a bit of stamina. Please bring water and a gourmet dish to share. FMI/registration: 207-824-3806 or mlt@mahosuc.org.

On Our Own School Group Public Hearing; 10 a.m., Andover Town Hall. Subject: Andover school withdrawal. **Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Meeting;** 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Speaker: Commercial bee keeper Tony Bachelder. Topic: Feeding bees in the winter and ordering nucs. Public is welcome. FMI: Kevin Farr (farrout@roadrunner.net).

Woodstock Historical Society Meeting; 6 p.m., Woodstock Town Office Complex (weather permitting). Following the business meeting, Mr. Ben Conant of the Paris Cape Historical Society will present a program on the life of Winfield Scott Ripley (1839-1924). Mr. Ripley, a famous composer, was originally from the Oxford Hills area. The public is welcome to attend. FMI: 875-3800.

Bethel Rotary Beer and Wine Tasting; 6 to 8 p.m., Whitecap Lodge, Sunday River. \$30 per person, includes an assortment of choice wines, beers and appetizers provided by the Good Food Store. FMI/tickets: 824-2808.

Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hills Middle School cafeteria, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Walt Bull will be the caller of Mainstream and Plus Level dances and Carol Stewart Arsenal will cue the Round Dancing. Door prizes, 50/50 and refreshments during intermission. Admission: \$6. FMI: Eleanor Herrick (782-4050) or www.squaredanceme.us.

Sunday, March 9

Stampin' Up Party Fundraiser; 2 p.m., Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill, Waterford Flat. Dianne Morse-Leonard, a Stampin' Up Demonstrator, will make available five different designs and you will make 10 cards for \$25. Scrapbook page options are available. Proceeds to benefit the Waterford Congregational Church's Fuel Fund. Please RSVP no later than March 2. FMI/RSVP: Dianne (595-3361).

Monday, March 10

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, March 12

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting; 11 a.m., Crossstone Restaurant, Woodstock. Reservations must be made before March 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877. Dinner (chicken or fish): \$10.

On Our Own School Group Public Hearing; 6 p.m., Andover Town Hall. Subject: Andover school withdrawal.

Thursday, March 13

Library Program; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library. Jack Richardson of Paris, a retired special agent with the FBI, will be the guest. Jack will be talking about his time with the FBI and will also speak of some current

programs. Open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served. Snow date: April 13.

Small Business Shoe Box Party; 3 to 5 p.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Drive, Berlin, N.H. Free seminar to help small business owners get started with a system to keep records sorted, organized and up to date. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457 or jpresby@ccsnh.edu).

Friday, March 14

St. Kieran's St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser; 6 p.m., Town & Country Inn and Resort, Shelburne, N.H. Tickets: \$25.

Saturday, March 15

Wild West Festival; Live country music with Johnny Crashed (2 to 5 p.m.) and the Tina Kelly Band (5 to 8 p.m.) and a mechanical bull.

Full Moon Hike; 5 p.m., Mt. Abram. Skis and boards will be transported to the top so hikers can ski or ride back down following the hike.

Wednesday, March 19

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's; 2 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library, 515 Main Street, Fryeburg. Free program presented by the Maine Alzheimer's Association for anyone who would like to learn more about Alzheimer's and related dementias. Pre-registration required. FMI/registration: bkirkpatrick@alz.org, 772-0115 or 800-272-3900.

Saturday, March 22

Farm Pond Construction/Trout Stocking Workshop; Oxford County Extension Center, Olson Road, South Paris. Presentation by Candace Gilpatrick, NRCS Agricultural Engineer at 10 a.m. Presentation by Sonny Pierce of Shy Beaver Hatchery at 12:30 p.m. Workshop fee: \$10 (lunch included). FMI/registration: jean.federico@me.nacdn.net or 743-5789, ext. 111.

Monday, March 24

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, March 26

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

DASH Diet Workshop; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Ripley Medical Building's Harper Conference Center, 193 Main Street, Norway. Presented by SMH dietitian, Pat Watson, this free workshop will provide information on the DASH Diet to lower high blood pressure. FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6896.

Sunday, March 30

SAD 44 Ski Free Day; Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic. 50 percent food and beverage discount.

Tuesday, April 1

TMS PTA Meeting; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Telstar library.

Friday, April 4

TMS Fancy Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Telstar cafeteria.

Saturday, April 5

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Annual Meeting/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck supper followed by a 7 p.m. meeting at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share.

Wednesday, April 16

WES Curriculum Fair/Art Show; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - "TREE" MENDOUS FUN

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What kind of tree can fit in your hand?

ASH
CEDAR
CHESTNUT
COCONUT
COTTONWOOD
DOGWOOD
ELM
FILBERT
HEMLOCK
MAHOGANY
OAK
PEAR
PECAN
PINE
PLUM
POPLAR
SEQUOIA
TULIP
WILLOW

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A P G P A L H E E C
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L A I E N O M O O U
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R A L P O P R A E P
T E Y N A G O H A M

Riddle answer: _____

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

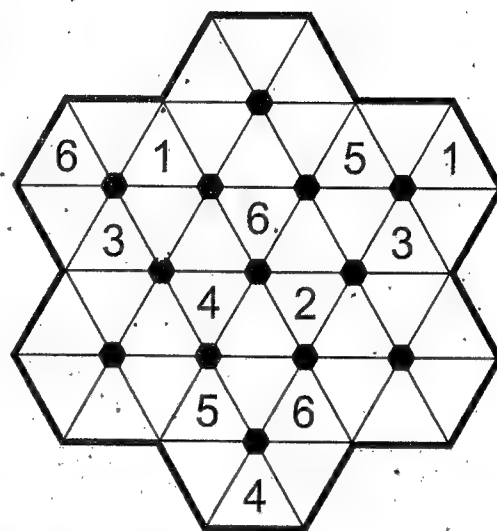


Differences:
1. Light is missing. 2. Pig's ears are smaller. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Collar is missing. 5. Poster is missing. 6. Glass is missing.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light



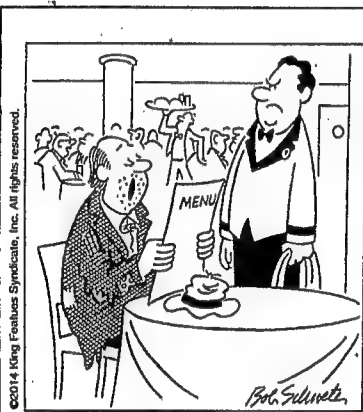
There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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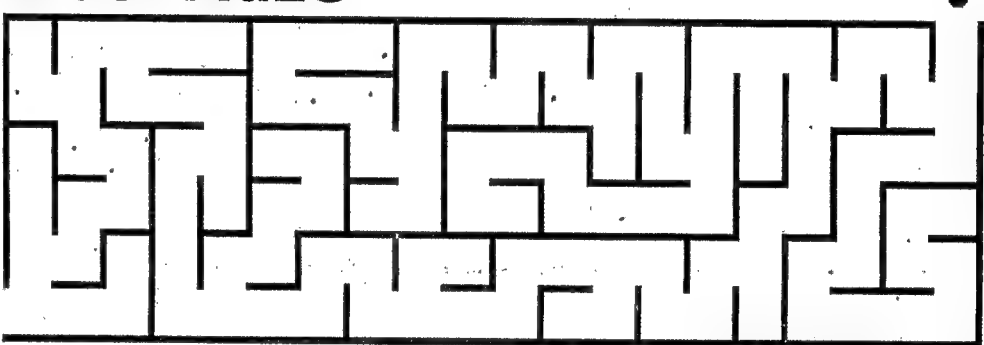
SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Spin-Off
EQUELS
Slice
EPICE
Taint
FINCET
Inform
VIDEAS
TODAY'S WORD

"Since I'm no longer for the businessman's lunch, would you by any chance have a chapter eleven special?"

Kids' Maze

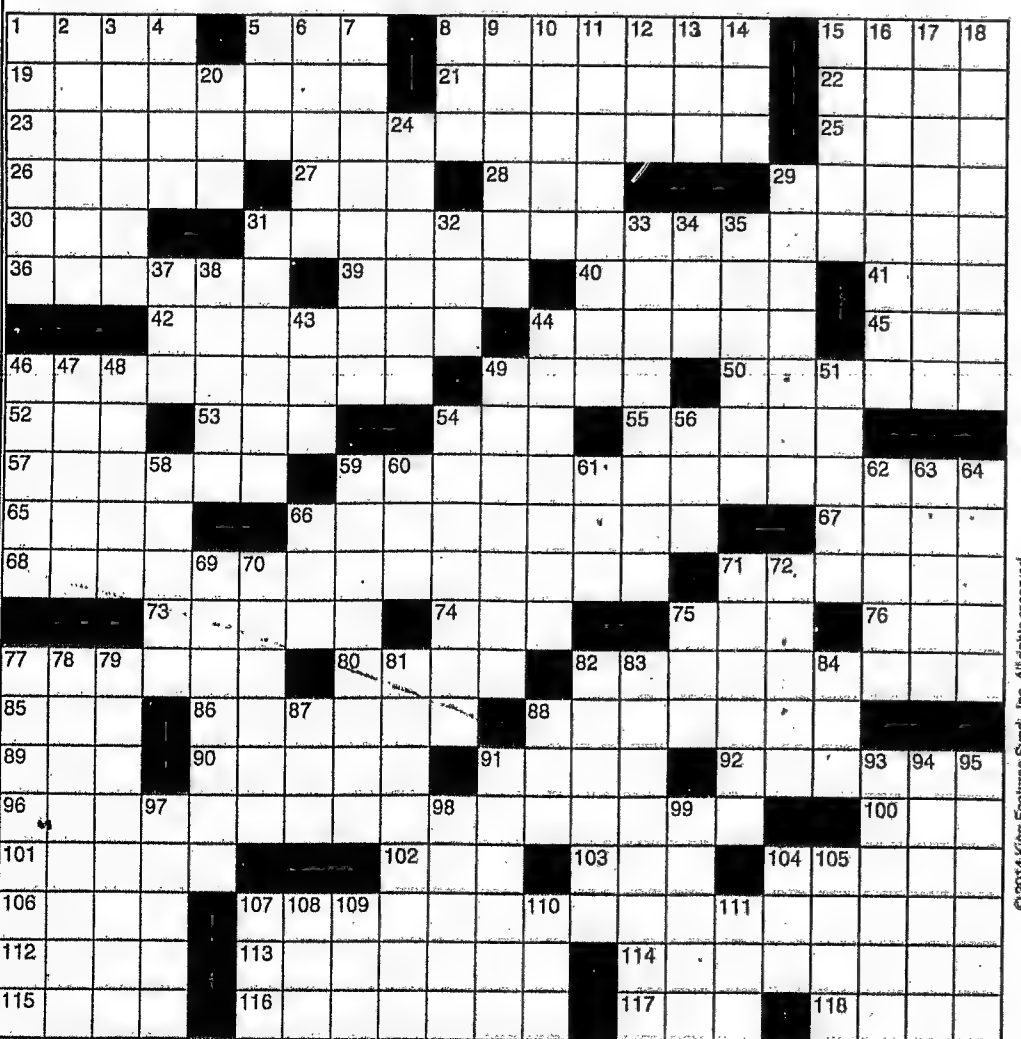


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Super Crossword

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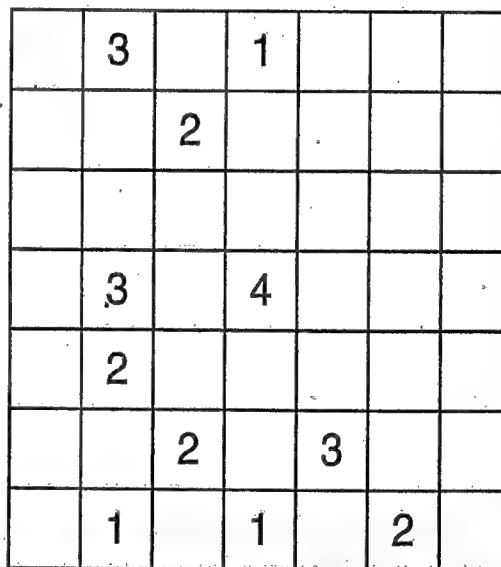
ACROSS
1 Umpire's face wear
5 Consumer's antifraud gp.
8 Massive
15 Dating from
19 One of the Galapagos Islands
21 Kind of cable that conducts electrical signals
22 monster (lizard)
23 Start of a riddle
25 Pol. middle-of-the-roads
26 Powerball, for example
27 "Evil Woman" rock gp.
28 Miss-to-Mich. dir.
29 Dull-edged
30 Previous to
31 Riddle, part 2
36 Remove sodium chloride from
39 Villa d'
40 Erie and Tahoe
41 Gold, in Spain
42 Keep attached
44 Most trifling
45 Prefix for "the same"
46 Riddle, part 3
49 Comedian
50 Swapped
52 With 6-Down, what a sad person sings
53 Robbins or Rice
54 Elongated fish
55 Thickhead
57 Inuit homes
59 Riddle, part 4
65 Hat fabric
66 "Gilligan's Island" star
67 Villain in 113-
68 Riddle, part 5
71 frisé (small dog)
73 "Buy" regular price, get ...
74 Mined matter
75 Give relief to
76 Past
77 Family name of old rulers of Florence
80 Bonny girl
82 Riddle, part 6
85 Suffix with percent
86 Rub with holy oil
88 Attaches with a pop
89 "Hold on a—"
90 Put in a new cage
91 Contender
92 AOL notes
96 End of the riddle
100 Frat "I"
101 "— a break!"
102 Prone (to)
103 "— hoo!" ("Hey!")
106 Lariat, e.g.
107 Riddle's answer
112 Greek strife goddess
113 Shakespeare play
114 Drive while car shopping
115 Part of YTD
116 Curly-coated dogs
117 "Gotcha!"
118 It borders Vietnam
DOWN
1 Whimpered like a baby
2 On the beach
3 Floods
4 "Boston Public" actor
5 Ghost's cry
6 See 52-Across
7 Part of some hammers
8 Polar
9 Unification Church member
10 Hawaii's—Loa
11 Did very well informally
12 Vardalos of films
13 "I've got a mule, her name is—"
14 Flight-angled annex
15 Nimble
16 Small blood cavity in organ tissue
17 Language of medieval Scandinavia
18 Fare from McDonald's or Wendy's
20 Sgt., say
24 Makes out all right
29 Eateries
31 Old video game systems
32 Pkg. for a dozen eggs
33 Tightly packed fish
34 —out (barely eam)
35 Mix again
37 Hgl.
38 Caused
43 Verve
44 Hodgepodge
46 Rigid
47 "Gosh golly!"
48 Guy, informally
49 Splits anew
51 Top-floor storage area
54 Farthest from the start
56 Actor James Van Beek
58 German king, 936-73
59 Higher-priced
60 Kabuki sash
61 — seen enough
62 Responses to groaners
63 Disco-era term meaning "galore"
64 "It hit me like a — bricks"
66 "Maude" star
69 —for (neglected)
70 Director Rob
71 Tendencies
72 Dialect
75 iPhone buy
77 Didn't ignite properly
78 Italian stage actress Duse
79 Dilapidated
81 Tempered with heat
82 What a cyclops has
83 Arctic regions
84 Genetic stuff
87 Pos., to neg.
88 Funny
89 Caesar
91 ESPN sports analyst Dick
93 Roma's land
94 U.S.-Mexico border city
95 Washes with soapy water
97 Ed of Reagan's cabinet
98 Incantation
99 "There ought — law!"
104 Trial fig.
105 Lower-left PC key abbr.
107 Vertex
108 1999 Seattle protest subj.
109 "Well now!"
110 Hairstyles
111 —kosh
B'Gosh



Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

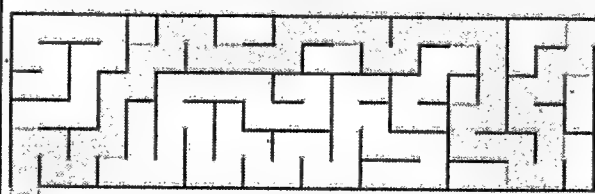
Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

★Easy ★★Moderate ★★★YOWZA!

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Kids' Maze Solution

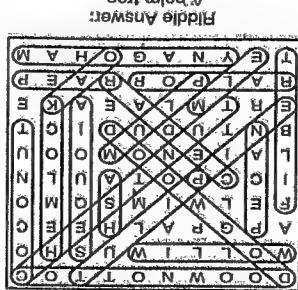
Today's Word:

3. Infect; 4. Advise

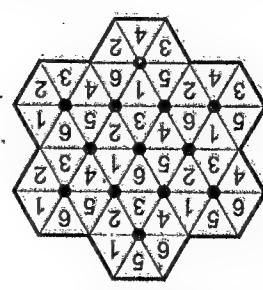
1. Sequel; 2. Piece;

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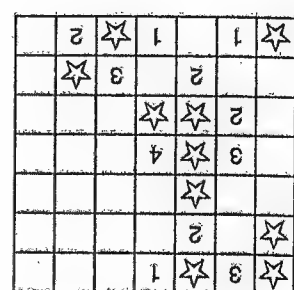
SCRAMBLERS



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SNOWFLAKES



Star★Map

ANSWERS:

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Prime Time ski club news

This past week did not see too many Prime Time members on the slopes of Sunday River as it was vacation time for quite a few schools and the usually quiet mid-week slopes were replaced with lots of skiers and boarders. However, those members who did ski with family members and friends found great conditions and a full trail count thanks to yet another snow storm and the mountain's expert groomers.

With more people on the mountain, however, there seemed to be more incidents requiring ski patrol. Prime Time members have skied relatively safely this year with only one early-season mishap and a cou-

ple of other injuries so far this year. Since the 1970s, alpine ski injuries that require medical attention have dropped from approximately 5 to 8 per 1000 skier-days to about 2 to 3 per 1000 skier-days. That's a risk of only 0.2 to 0.4 percent. The nature of the injuries has also been transformed over the same time period. Lower leg injuries are becoming less common while the incidence of knee injuries is becoming more common. Much of this change can be attributed to advancements in binding technology; which effectively reduce lower leg injury, but do not adequately address the issue of knee injuries. In a situation where your

ski is torqued but does not release, the joint that sustains the most force is the knee.

Knee injuries can range from simple meniscus tears to minor sprains of the medial collateral ligament (MCL) to more severe injuries to the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). Along with binding design, binding adjustment and maintenance are important preventative factors. Make sure you have your equipment checked every season by a qualified ski shop. Many shops offer a complimentary binding check with a ski tune so take advantage of this offer. Some specific suggestions to prevent knee injuries include:

(1) Keep your knees flexed and don't try to straighten them during a fall since a straight leg provides a longer lever force against the knee. (2) When you're down, stay down: don't try to stop the fall. You can't predict which way your leg is going to twist. (3) Fall forward. Don't land on your hands backwards. Keep your arms up and forward. Falling backwards places abnormal forces across the ACL.

Shoulder injuries often occur when a skier falls with an outstretched arm, usually after planting the pole. This injury can be avoided by letting go of the pole during a fall and by trying to keep the arms

close to the body while falling. One of the most common ski injuries is injury to the collateral ligaments of the thumb, usually caused by the pole straining the thumb during a fall. This risk can be reduced by placing your hand through the pole strap from the bottom up so that you are grabbing the strap and the pole at the same time. This way, when you fall, your hand has a better chance of disengaging the pole.

Ski injuries tend to happen when muscles are fatigued and less responsive. So do not ski when you are tired. Most important of all is to ski in control. Collision is a com-

mon cause of injury. You are skiing too fast if you cannot avoid obstacles in your path.

What better way to ski safely than with other people. Prime Time Ski Club members invite you to join them weekdays at North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. (upper level, right-hand side). After a brief time for announcements, members (who are 50 years or older) usually break into small groups of four to eight skiers, based primarily on skiing ability and terrain preference. Check out our website at www.primetimeski-club.com or just show up at North Peak Lodge and ski a few runs with us and make some new friends.

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- Ability and interest in working with groups and individuals of all ages (from pre-school through senior citizens.
- Proficiency in Microsoft applications such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Minimum Qualifications:
Experience with nutrition education, community health and physical activity is preferred. Experience with group facilitation required. Valid unrestricted driver's license and reliable transportation required. Ability to work a varied work schedule. Some evening and weekends may be required.

Salary: \$12.00 per hour. Qualified candidates please send cover letter and resume to:

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Obituaries



PERSEY J. MORIN, SR.

Persey J. Morin, Sr., 78, of Bryant Pond died Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Stephens Memorial Hospital. He was

born in Van Buren on Dec. 15, 1935 the son of Arthur and Mary Ann Parent Morin.

He had been a woodsman all of his life. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his son, Persey J. Morin, Jr.; his daughter, Joline Morin; four grandchildren, Jennifer, Joshua and Jaime Morin and Ryan Mason; four great grandchildren, Ethan and Anthony Kubiczek, Tyler Morin and Jordan Pollock; a brother, Ferdinand; and five sisters, Teresa, Margaret, Marie, An-

nita and Rita. He was predeceased by a sister, Jeanine; four brothers, Anton, Normand, Adrian and Lyonel; a great granddaughter, Ella; and his companion Beverly Sweetser.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

Services will be held at a later date with interment at Lakeside Cemetery in Bryant Pond. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 64 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.

Waterford Library news

Winter is a great time to visit the library. Books have always provided an escape from anywhere you are and the library offers you these adventures for free. Every week the organization representing independent bookstores publishes a list of the best-selling books of the week. When I last checked, The Waterford Library had recently shelved 10 of the 15 books on that bestseller list and they are there waiting for you! The new books added this February are as follows:

Fiction:

After I'm Gone, by Laura Lippman; All quiet on the Western Front, by Erich Maria Remarque; Brown Dog: Novellas, by Jim Harrison; Command Authority, by Tom Clancy; Company K, by William March; The Counterfeit Agent, by Alex Berenson; Hunting Shadows: An Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery, by Charles Todd; In The Blood, by Lisa Unger; The Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd; Fear Nothing, by Lisa Gardner; Mercy Snow, by Tiffany Baker; Mr. Lynch's Holiday, by Catherine O'Flynn; An Officer and a Spy, by Robert Harris; On Such a Full Sea, by Chang Rae Lee; Police, by Jo Nesbo; The Purity of Vengeance, by Jussi Adler-Olsen; Radiance of Tomorrow, by Ishmael Beah; Ripper, by Isabel Allende; Saints of the Shadow

Bible, by Ian Rankin; The Scent of Pine, by Lara Vapnyar; Standup Guy, by Stewart Woods; Still Life With Breadcrumbs, by Anna Quindlen; A Tale From the Time Being, by Ruth Ozeki; Thirty Girls, by Susan Minot; This Dark Road to Mercy, by Wiley Cash; Under the Wide and Starry Sky, by Nancy Horan; The Visionist, by Rachel Urquhart; The Way of All Fish, by Martha Grimes; The Wind Is Not a River, by Brian Payton; Worthy Brown's Daughter, by Phillip Margolin.

Non-fiction:

Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin, by Jill Lepore; Duty: Memoirs of a Secretary at War, by Robert M. Gates; Little Failure: A Memoir, by Gary Shteyngart; Twelve Years a Slave, by Solomon Northrup.

Books for children:

Battle Bunny, by Jon Scieszka; The Day the Crayons Quit, by Drew Daywalt; Deep in the Sahara, by Kelly Cumane; Explorer: The Mystery Boxes, by Kazu Kibuishi; Explorer 2: The Lost Islands, by Kazu Kibuishi; Flight of the Honey Bee, by Raymond Huber; A Hundred Horses, by Sarah Lean; Lost Cat, by C. Roger Meador; Ol' Clip Clop, by Patricia McKissack; Old Mikamba Had a Farm, by Rachel Isadora; Once Upon a Northern Night, by Jean Pendziwol;

Train Picture Book, by Elsha Cooper; Xander's Panda Party, by Linda Sue Park.

Books for teens:

From Norvelt to Nowhere, by Jack Gantos; Hollow City, by Ransom Riggs; The Impossible Knife of Memory, by Laurie R. King; Listening for Lucca, by Suzanne LaFleur; Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, by Ransom Riggs;

For those of you who enjoy lively discussions on a variety of topics you might want to join with eight to 12 others who enjoy the same at the Socrates Cafe. This group meets at the library every first Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30. Light refreshments are served. Various members of the group take turns moderating the discussions. Everyone gets to express their views on the current topic. This coming March 3, the topic will be: "Free international trade: A good or bad idea?" FMI call Joanne at 583-6957.

The fourth Monday of the month is Bridge Night. All levels are welcome to come play a friendly game of Bridge. Come by yourself or bring a partner; enjoy a little table talk and get some tips. The fun starts at 6:30. A general head count is appreciated, so call ahead if you plan to come or call for more information. The person to call is Ginny at 583-2729.

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'Of Mopping Up and Manhattan'

One morning when B.B. had gone far back in the woods to work and was not expected home until a late lunch, I decided it would be the day to fix the bathroom. It looked exactly like the one in the 1912 room at the General Electric show at the Flushing Meadows fair. Besides the fixtures, a bathtub sitting high on legs, the room was odd anyway. It was large enough to set up a double bed in easily; it had two doors, one long straight wall with a dado board, opposite it a long casement dormer window. When we first came here I had papered it with some very expensive paper, twining jungle vines, feathery flowers, tropical birds, all in jewel tones of amethyst, ruby, emerald, sapphire. There were a few weeks in summer when it was a bit overpowering but through the drab season after first-leaf fall, the dead of winter, the long wait for spring which is not till mid-May in Maine, one felt like a houri sinking into a hot tub in this paradise. Now the room was stark white except for the strawberry rose woodwork. The roll of border that I had found in the city was eighteen inches wide, had black-outlined stripes top and bottom and in between bluebirds fluttering amid apple blossoms, cardinals perched on dark green leaves.

We had made our pact of no more do-it-yourself work but surely to paste up one strip of border would be simple. I made paste, gathered scissors, brushes, rags, a measuring rule and went topside. I measured the length of the wall carefully, thirteen feet, and arranged a scaffolding of sorts from hard-bottomed chairs, pasted my strip, rolled it as I had seen Louis do, stuffed my belt with rags and mounted the first chair. It went on easily; gleefully I moved to the second chair. This would be up before a cat could wink an eye and I would be all cleaned up long before B.B. came home. As I moved to the third chair I saw the wall slanting downhill a bit but this was no problem as white was going on white. I would just move the paper down from the ceiling a whisker. On to the fourth chair and trouble. What the wall was doing, I knew not, but the paper instead of lying flat was bulging into folds and it was impossible to smooth it out. Just then boomed the great voice, "What are you doing upstairs?"

"What are you doing downstairs?" I yelled back. "You said you wouldn't be home till very late." "I've hung up a big hemlock and had to come back for more wedges. Are you in trouble too?" "Yes, I am," I meekly answered. "I wish you would come upstairs and tell me what to do with this strip of paper."

B.B. stepped up—he did not need the scaffolding—made a few dabs with the rag and stepped back. "I have an idea what to do with these parallel stripes, and have no time to think now. Why did you bungle into this? The bathroom was all right as it was; you'll just have to do what best that you can," and he stomped off.

I made another attempt, saw it was futile and started to take off the part already put up. A dark cloud dampened my spirits that had been gay ten minutes ago.

Farm Pond Construction/Trout Stocking Workshop/sale

On Saturday, March 22, there will be a Farm Pond Construction and Trout Stocking Workshop held at the Oxford County Extension Office on Olson Road in South Paris. At 10 a.m., Candace Gilpatrick, Natural Resource Conservation Service Agricultural Engineer will lead a workshop on farm pond construction; and at 12:30, Sonny Pierce, retired from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and owner of Shy Beaver Hatchery, will follow with a workshop on stocking your private pond with trout. Both of these workshops are interesting, informative and will include plenty of time for individual questions and answers.

Check-in for the morning workshop is at 9:30 a.m.; 12 noon for the afternoon workshop. Snacks and lunch will be served. There is a fee of \$10 per workshop and pre-registration by March 18 is required. To register for one or both of these workshops, please call Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District at 743-5789, ext. 111, e-mail jean.federico@me.nadnet.net, or stop by our office at 17 Olson Road, South Paris.

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